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
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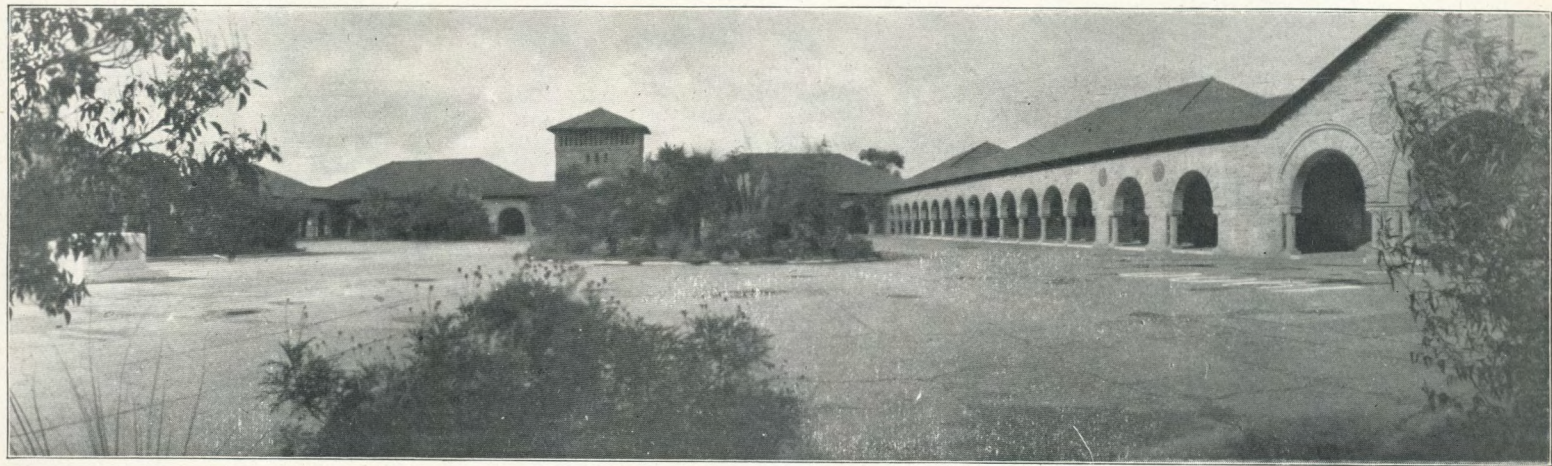
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STANFORD UNIVERSITY—The Inner Quadrangle

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Stanford University

People living in Indiana like to claim that all good things come from the Mississippi Valley. It is indeed true that in a certain little Hoosier town originated the idea of Kappa Alpha Theta, and that from another town not far away came the inspiration that has made Stanford University what it now is. It is but natural, then, that we of Phi should expect all Thetas, even those of the Atlantic sea coast, to take a peculiar interest in the university that now lies under the foothills of the coast range and that had its origin so near the place of Theta's birth.

But a little over ten years ago the cattle wandered at will in the wild oats of Senator Stanford's ranch, a ranch stretching for miles in this fertile Santa Clara valley, and a small lad galloped his pony over unfrequented meadows and through woods of live oak trees hung with grey-white moss. But the boy died, and to the senator and his wife the lonely farm became painfully still and they determined to fill it with living voices, so that today from the low, yellow mission-like buildings comes the hum of hundreds of students.

The plan formulated in the minds of the founders was complete in spite of its vastness, and of all universities this renders Stanford probably the most harmonious in archi-

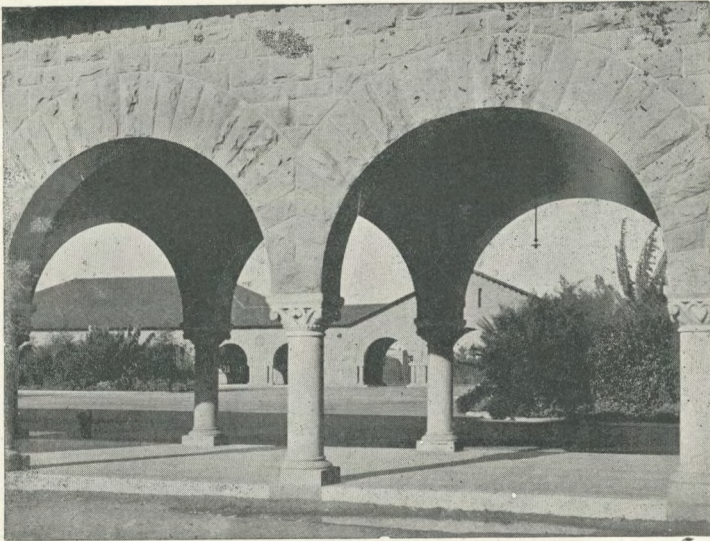
tectural design. At Oxford and Cambridge may be traced different historical periods by the different types of architecture. Here a bit of Norman, there a trace of early English, and our own colleges, even when founded by private donations, have enlarged through public appropriations with a lack of harmony in architectural scheme. But Stanford was one great idea before its birth. There is no limit to its development. No matter how many buildings may be added there will be continuous, harmonious growth without loss of unity. The buildings, fashioned low, like the Spanish missions, and of rough yellow sandstone with red-tiled roofs, surround open paved courts wherein are flower-beds dense with tropical foliage. Arcades, off from which are the recitation rooms, open on to these quadrangles and from class room to class room the student can go always under cover and without climbing stairs. Of the pioneer days, when Stanford was fighting its depressing battle of the law suit, the days known now as "the dark days," only the inner quadrangle is familiar to the returning classman of '95. For with the joy that came with the winning of the suit other buildings began to spring up around the old court, forming new groups of surrounding court-yards, and the red roofs of the Science and the Fine Art buildings and of



Stanford University—The Arcade

the wonderful new Chapel, are already shading into mel-
low tones under the soft winter rains.

We are just beginning to realize of what marvelous
beauty is this new Memorial Chapel, satisfying in archi-
tectural symmetry and entrancing in interior decoration.
The arches within are richly carved with Romanesque
tracery, the spacious walls are illuminated with Venetian
mosaics, rendering the Last Supper from the Vatican and
Michael Angelo's Moses and the Prophets. The whole



The Inner Quadrangle

cathedral is permeated with soft light from the exquisitely
stained-glass windows of Italy, windows unsurpassed in
this country, and rivaling those of the old world. Over
all the campus the influence of the new chapel is felt, for
we are not yet used to the throbbing swell of the organ
as it fills the quadrangle, and the class room and the
library beyond, and we stop in the midst of some abstruse
philosophical question to listen. It will not be long before

still different tones may be heard on the campus, for in the chapel tower are now being hung the chimes, modeled in depth of tone after the famous Westminster bells, the music being that of Handel.

But the aesthetic side is not receiving the entire attention of the University. The men of the college are already beginning to tell of the remarkable feats they will perform when the new gymnasium is completed, a building to be equaled only at Columbia University.



Stanford University—The Library

In many respects the life at Stanford differs from that in other colleges. There is comparatively little class spirit, owing to the elective system, the students in the different departments being closely bound together instead. Here a man selects a certain subject as his major subject and then a certain professor in that department as his major professor. The professor superintends the student's work, advising certain minor subjects to fill out

his course, and requiring certain subjects for graduation. With the exception of a specific number of hours advised by the major professor, the student is at liberty to select his own work. The average student takes four years in which to complete his course, during which time he, with the other students in the same department rally together around their common professor. For example, the students in the English department usually know each other. They meet at the houses of the professors in English, and are banded together into an English club.

One of the charms of Stanford life, and in a way a charm particularly developed here, is the spirit of equality which everywhere exists. There are no compulsory morning exercises where the faculty sit in rows upon a platform gazing blandly down upon the students, who, be it remembered, never in any case feel the least humbled by their position. Here, when the professor comes into the class room in nine cases out of ten he stands talking in front of his desk. There is, too, in the smaller classes a large amount of freedom, questions and answers being freely exchanged, and as the classes are in the main small, the work being purposely divided into different sections, each student is brought into personal contact with his instructor, an ideal state of affairs rarely attained in a college num-



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bering 1,200 students. Because of the personal interest shown by the instructors for the students there exists much good fellowship. The faculty all have certain days when they are "at home," when you may drop in for a social hour or two, and besides this no professor is ever too busy to see a student if he calls upon him at odd hours for a special conference.

Freedom is the most characteristic of all features in



Stanford University—The Chapel

the University. There is remarkably little red tape. Every man is treated as a gentleman without admonition until he has forfeited the right to be called such; then a little red card requests his immediate withdrawal from the campus. The policy of freedom has been the policy of Stanford since its organization, and it is that which has given to the college its unusual atmosphere. Stanford is not an advanced school with monitors and protectors; it is a minia-

ture world, where men rub up against men and grow independent. Public censure is the greatest authority.

The social life is mainly centered in the fraternities and the two large halls, Eucina and Roble. There are twelve men's fraternities here and four girls' fraternities, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta.

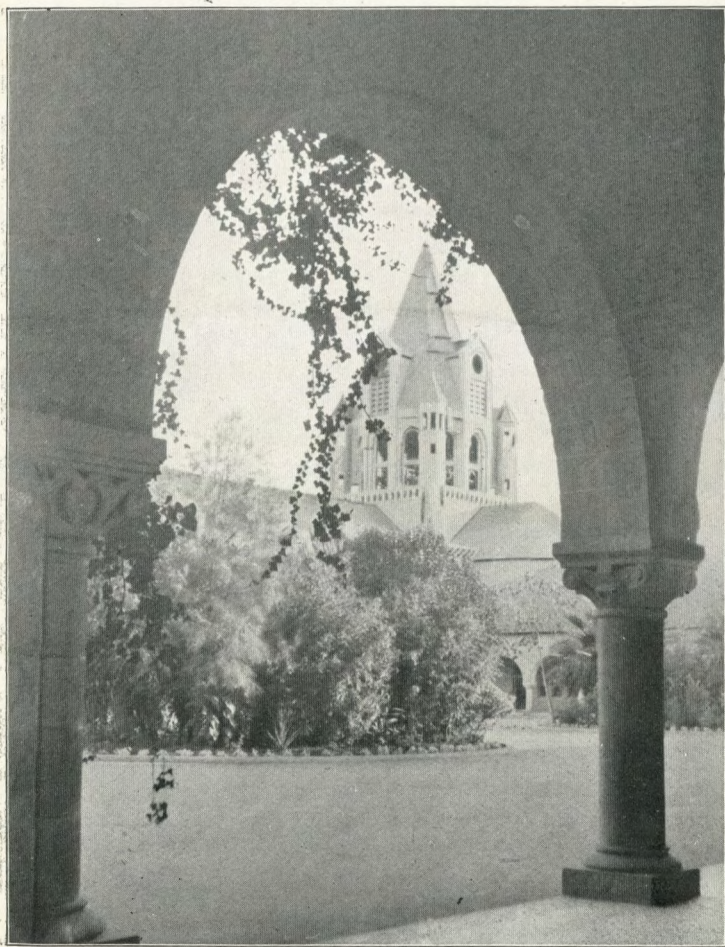
There is no distinction of wealth or family beyond that found everywhere. Perhaps here there is a little less than usual, the greatest quality demanded being that of manhood. A young man who in his freshman year has worked his way through, who may even have cooked his own breakfasts in "the camp," a row of shanties lying in a corner of the campus, can, in his senior year by means of brains, and strength, and character, become a fraternity favorite or occupy the most favored political position in the gift of the student body. There is no place for snobs, and the millionaire's son who arrives with certain little peculiarities has them all taken out by the time his freshman bath-tub days are over. He usually becomes one of the men or departs.

Women here take a high place, not only in the social life, but in the student body offices. The vice-presidency of each class is usually held by a woman, women act upon the different committees, and in the year before this two women held the editorships of the two large college publications, elected to their positions by large majorities over men. And yet there are far fewer women here than men.

There are in all four college publications: The Daily Palo Alto, which contains the college news and a brief summary of news from the outside world; The Sequoia, wherein the college poets and authors reveal themselves; The Chapparel, a comic paper that ridicules all progressive acts not approved of by the student body, and The Alumnus, a monthly magazine whose function it is to keep the graduates in touch with the active college life. The Alumnus is kept exceedingly busy in these days of rapid changes. One

of the last issues informed the graduates that they were no longer merely heirs to the Stanford estate, but sharers in the vast institution; that to them and to all posterity Mrs. Stanford had deeded over her thirty millions.

Gradually the landmarks of the first few years are



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being worn away. This winter the stock farm was sold and the racers that first made Palo Alto famous have gone. Yet the students still cling affectionately to the old conditions, to the atmosphere that made them sing,

"Come ye back, ye Stanford laddies, come ye back to
Stanford farm,"

and in spite of the many teams at work leveling and grading to make way for splendid new buildings, in spite of the new faculty rows, and the cement walks, the students will always look toward the foothills and toward the stretches of growing grain in the valley and feel that Stanford has something more than material buildings, a certain freedom, a largeness of life, that comes from the broad Pacific across the warm California fields, that brings into the very quadrangle itself a breadth, an openness, an out-of-dooriness that make the Stanford man and woman sing:

"If you've heard the Quad a-calling you will care for
nothing else;

No, you'll care for nothing else but those spicy jasmine
smells,

And the sunshine and the bamboo and the ringing of
the bells;

In the walks around the Quad,
Where the western breezes play,
And the students stroll and saunter
Out at Stanford by the Bay."

FLORENCE HEYWOOD.

After College—What?

The mere enjoyment of the privileges a college course offers to students carries with it an undercurrent of seriousness that makes itself potently felt in presenting the question, "What am I to do after college?" The matter becomes a problem of great moment. In the rapid equalization of burden-bearing and division of labor between men and women, the probability of earning a living is no longer an exception in the case of women, but on the other hand, the only alternative for hundreds of the weaker sex. Moreover the first taste of independence, especially from a financial standpoint, proves so agreeable that women would fain cease to labor and thus lose the opportunity for broadening their field of work and changing their line of horizon. A woman delights in the knowledge of her capabilities and with her tireless ambition would put forth every effort to develop and make use of them.

Many girls who *must* face the question, decide during the delightful, irresponsible college days, that teaching is a desirable occupation. First, it is fairly remunerative; one can maintain her social position, for the teacher is usually well received in a strange community, and lastly there is that alluring long vacation at the end of the school year. They do not stop to ask whether they are fitted to teach, they feel confident of their knowledge, and having gone thus far, rest upon their laurels. To impart knowledge so as to make it clear, acceptable and vivid is as much a gift as to have the strains of poetry or music singing in one's soul. The test should be, "Am I a teacher?" not, "Shall I teach?" and when the answer resounds loudly in the negative, that girl must resign all claim upon the teaching profession. Her avocation must be found elsewhere. I think I can truthfully make the statement that today a woman can enter any field or profession. Some

she would not enter because of disinclination rather than from lack of ability.

The alumnae realize most forcibly the necessity of college graduates directing their energies along other lines than teaching and would whisper such advice to their younger sisters.

In an attempt to solve the problem, the Students Aid Committee of the Barnard College Alumnae Association, interested in the welfare of the undergraduates, has made it its aim, aside from the loaning of necessary funds to students, to bring before them the possibilities of entering other professions. To illustrate this in a most practical manner, the committee has instituted a series of informal lectures to be given on various subjects by representative women of the several professions. The first talk was delivered on the subject of Architecture, a profession that is peculiarly fitted for a woman with its decorative and utility departments.

This winter only two talks have been given under the auspices of the committee. The first was devoted to Journalism. Newspaper women, magazine workers, and a clever, well-known story-teller graphically described their various experiences, their disappointments and their successes. Notwithstanding the hardship, drudgery, and the bitter-sweets of journalistic work, each woman strongly advised the girls to follow in her wake, provided they had any liking for the work.

The last meeting arranged by the committee considered the subject of settlement work and its results. One or two head workers from the settlement houses and a trained nurse who, with her assistants, devotes her scientific skill to the needs of the slum people, were the principal speakers of the afternoon.

After the paper or talk an informal gathering takes place about the tea table to give the girls the opportunity of holding conversation with these active women of the outside world. The results of such a movement will not be

apparent for some time, but the committee will feel sufficiently repaid if the girls begin to think and to weigh more carefully and seriously the question, "After College—What?"

FLORENCE LIPPINCOTT, Gamma Alumnae.

New York.

Chapter Ties

This is the time of year when, upon the Seniors in every chapter, comes the realization of the grievous changes that are about to befall them, when the undergraduate days are ended and a new life begins. The day is fast approaching when the whole absorbing, throbbing life of today passes into the sweet memories of yesterday, actively lasting only in the influence it will exert over the future, and in the tendencies it has developed.

To the Seniors in every chapter I send greetings and I would ask them to consider the responsibilities they must soon assume—emphasizing the rich heritage they have in store rather than the regret necessarily felt on leaving the care-free life of the college world.

The relative closeness of contact possible for a graduate to maintain with her active chapter depends, of course, upon geographical conditions. For one who can visit and know the active chapter the opportunities of helpfulness are many, but even for an alumna living at a great distance there are avenues through which she can reach and aid the active chapter. Do not mistake me. I can think of nothing more uninspiring for a chapter than to be managed by its graduates, unless, perhaps, 'tis the opposite extreme, to be neglected by its graduates. The exigencies of college life, the problems, the perplexities, the interfraternity questions tinged as they are, nay saturated with feeling, have a tendency to disturb the sweet sanity and

fairmindedness of the one who has them thick about her, for she sees them out of focus. The graduate, keenly interested though she be, can have a saner and more logical point of view. She remembers the trials of days gone by, and she sympathizes, but she oftentimes finds other solutions, because she can use her experience and her calm judgment untouched by the fire of personal contact and prejudice. She must use tact and sometimes allow the chapter to learn by a failure, if no other method will do; but the joy of the graduate is great when she is able to prevent failure, or to add sweetness and a soothing spirit in periods of strain and stress.

Keep close to the heart of your chapter if you can and hold fast to your fraternity as time goes on. So much for contact with the home chapter, but there is another point of contact that is open to the graduate, through alliance with an *alumnæ* chapter. No doubt every Theta fresh from an active chapter needs adaptation to new conditions to feel the deepest inspiration that is the true strength of the *alumnæ* chapters. She will not get this adaptation by holding aloof, because she feels there is a difference between active chapter life and *alumnæ* relations, and assumes that this difference is vital. The contact with graduates of other institutions who have experienced chapter conditions and college and university conditions widely differing from her own is immeasurably broadening. *Alumnæ* chapter life has somewhat of the convention spirit, a bringing together of elements of a whole, resulting in a far better understanding and appreciation of the whole.

Ally yourself with an *alumnæ* chapter if possible. These are some of the methods for concerted action among graduates. The power and influence that each and every strong, noble-minded Theta can exert in her own sphere I have assumed as the more general characteristic of a cultured woman. As the individuals are strong, and wield the influence that comes from character, they make for

development, and each true woman is a jewel in her fraternity's crown.

As ye have sown so ye shall reap, and the full flower of the graduate's joy shall be yours, only if the years of undergraduate experience have been filled with the influences that make for the foundation of life-ties. In the hands of the active chapters are primarily the sacred interests of the fraternity, and through them it must progress or retrograde. But these are mere truisms. These are the responsibilities that the active chapters assume and realize. But in the chapter's relation with its graduates, with whom we are concerned today, there is the possibility to develop a sense of the ever-binding sisterhood which, if an active chapter instills into its chapter attitude, each member will live to rejoice therefor. In the hands of the active chapter is the power to make glad the heart of the graduate. I have known graduates of colleges where fraternities did not exist, say: "I shall not go back to college again except for a special reunion, the spirit of loneliness that possesses me when I go makes me heart-sick." Think of it, ye undergraduates in the midst of your joyful associations, remember that in your hands lies the power to do what many a chapter has done ere this—make the heart of the graduate glad. Your welcome, your spirit of tender devotion, your seeking of close relations, can go deep down into the heart of a graduate and make her feel anew the perpetuity of the tie that binds her to her college and to her fraternity, making thereby, eventually, not only her joy, but your own good.

ADELAIDE C. HOFFMAN.

University of Minnesota

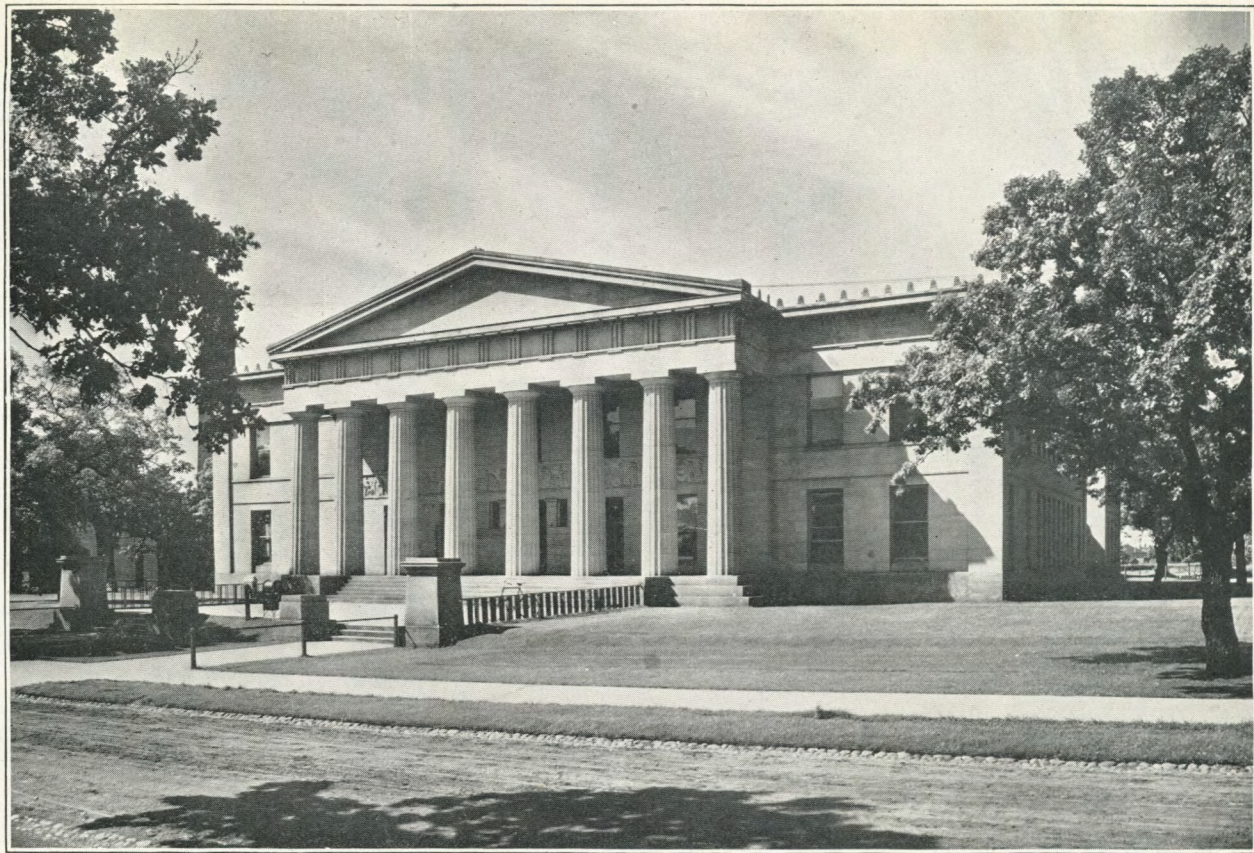
Rah, rah, rah,
Ski-U-mah,
'Varsity-'Varsity,
Minnesota!

The University of Minnesota, although very young, is rapidly forging its way to the front, and has now taken its place among educational institutions which have had years of experience and honor.

On February 25, 1851, the Governor of the Territory of Minnesota, Alexander Ramsey, approved of an act of incorporation by which the University of Minnesota began its legal existence. It was to be located at the St. Anthony Falls, a site in the city of Minneapolis, and means for a building were given, and in the fall a preliminary school was opened with sixty scholars. The regents looked forward and calculated the growth for half a century, and saw that more land was needed. They purchased the present campus, consisting of fifty acres, for six thousand dollars. The main building was built in 1856. Through lack of funds caused by the War of the Rebellion and the Indian outbreak, the college was closed, to be reopened in 1867. From that time it has grown rapidly and steadily to immense proportions, and is now the fourth largest university in the United States. It has nearly four thousand enrolled students, ten hundred and thirty of whom are women.

Its growth has been phenomenal not only in the number of students, but also in the number of its departments. The increase has been so rapid that the large classes have demanded new buildings each year.

The campus is situated on the east bank of the Mississippi River. While, of course, it can never be so beautiful as college grounds of a warmer climate, still it is very

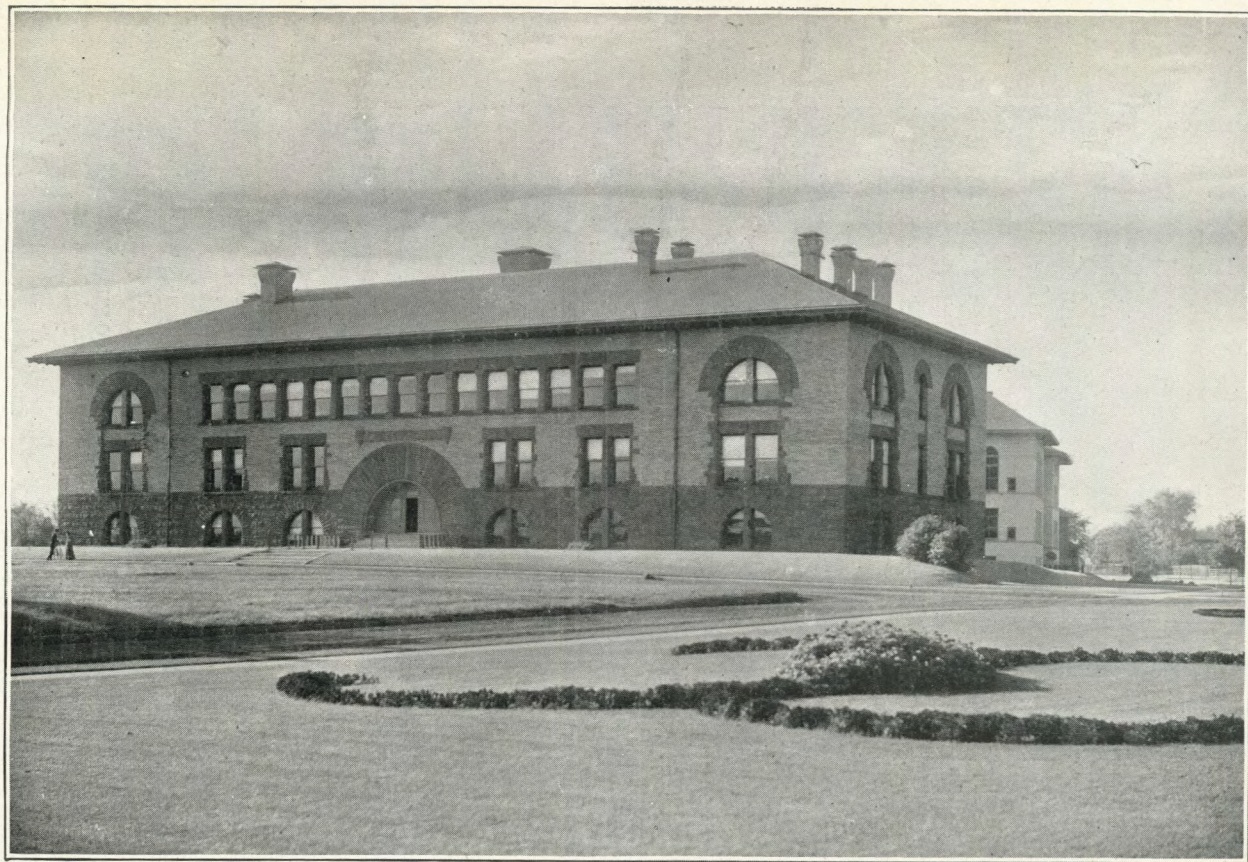


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pretty, and is constantly being improved. The buildings are thirty-five in number, and are arranged around the parade ground. The Agricultural, Farm, and Dairy Schools are midway between the Twin Cities, and the Homeopathic School is in the heart of Minneapolis.

The main building is usually shown first to visitors. It suffers in comparison with the handsome new structures, but it is dear to the heart of every student, for it is the oldest building, and then it contains the postoffice. This postoffice is the only one of its kind in the country, and is the source of unlimited joy. Every student rents a box, the consideration being twenty-five cents per year. No Freshman feels that he is registered until he has his box. While it is not a branch of the U. S. postoffice, mail is received and distributed there by a postmistress. The boxes are arranged so that they open from both sides, and little notes or anything else can be slipped in by the students. The office is a general meeting place, as everyone goes there after each class, hoping to find some mail. The history of a girl's box would be interesting, for the girls get violets, candy, notes, books, and in fact almost everything in their boxes. They have been known to contain even mice placed there by some unkind youth. Half the pleasure of college would be gone without the postoffice. The lunch room is also in the main building. There you can buy a lunch, but the students go there as seldom as possible, for the oldest inmate of the college cannot remember a change in the menu.

One of the finest buildings is the Library, with its broad steps which are always covered with students when the weather permits. The offices of President, Registrar and Accountant, the Y. W. C. A. rooms, Library and Chapel are in this building. Services are conducted by the various members of the faculty every day at 10:25 a. m. in Chapel. The fraternities have their own seats. This is a great advantage to those chapters having no houses, as by this arrangement the members are together once a day



University of Minnesota—Pillsbury Hall (Science)

at least. Visitors are always astonished at the crowded Chapel, as attendance is not compulsory. The religious exercises last from five to ten minutes. All official notices are read here. Any prominent personage who happens to be in the city may address the student-body from the Chapel platform. On Friday there is special music. The mass meetings are also held here, when the old walls ring and tremble with the 'varsity yell and shouts of Ski-u-mah. No one has ever been found who could tell the derivation or the meaning of Ski-u-mah, but it represents to the student of Minnesota the highest term of endearment. No greater compliment can be paid a speaker in Chapel or a hero on the gridiron than to call him a Ski-u-mah. On the whole, the Chapel becomes a very attractive place in the eyes of the students.

The Athletic Park is now on the campus. Formerly it was in the city. The Athletic Association was permitted to use a portion of the University grounds. The problem then was how to build fences and a grandstand. Finally the Association furnished the lumber, and the student body the labor. The fraternities volunteered to build certain sections. The Thetas built a box, and probably would have extended their efforts further, but only one girl in the chapter could drive a nail straight, and the boys, after one trial, did not seem inclined to hold the nails.

All forms of athletics have the entire support of the student body. An interest in them is encouraged by the faculty. Minnesota is especially proud of her Gopher foot ball team, which has recently risen to prominence, and which held the western championship in 1900. For years we had been unsuccessful. Our honored President said his boys must play like gentlemen, winning victory honorably, or not at all. In 1900, Dr. Williams, formerly of Yale, brought forth a team that fulfilled our highest hopes. The players represent the better class of men. The faculty buy season tickets to the games and are among the most enthusiastic members of the Rooter's Club, which is or-



University of Minnesota—Engineering Building

ganized every fall. It is no unusual sight to see the President standing bare headed, and with his beautiful white hair blowing in the breezes, watching the game with as much interest as any school boy. A girl of Minnesota would be ashamed to confess she did not understand foot ball. Every Freshman, after she has been here three weeks, can give the line-up of the 'varsity and college teams. It is with fear and trembling that I make this statement, for fear some of the eastern sisters may imagine we stand and rend the air with feminine shrieks. If so, she does the Minnesota maid injustice.

Foot ball has been of inestimable value to Upsilon, strange as that may seem. It has enabled us to come in contact with a number of other chapters that we otherwise would not have known. It has been our pleasure to entertain large delegations of Thetas who have come to games played here, and we have been most graciously received when we have attended games played at other colleges where we have chapters. Athletics prosper here along many lines. The basket ball team holds the national championship. The fraternity men enter into all the sports. Two-thirds of the men on the foot ball team belong to some fraternity. There are inter-department, and inter-fraternal base ball, foot ball and bowling leagues. The girls have a number of basket ball teams, and next year there will probably be sorority teams.

The Armory is one of the largest and most handsome buildings on the campus. In it are the boys' gymnasium and the girls' physical culture rooms. In the winter the boys drill in the main hall, where the basket ball games, meets and all indoor sports take place. Here, also, are held the large University parties, of which there are three, the Athletic Ball, Junior Ball, and the Senior Prom.

Literary, political and scientific societies exist almost without number. The interest in debate is not as great as it should be, but is increasing. This year we have defeated Northwestern and Iowa in debate. There are sev-



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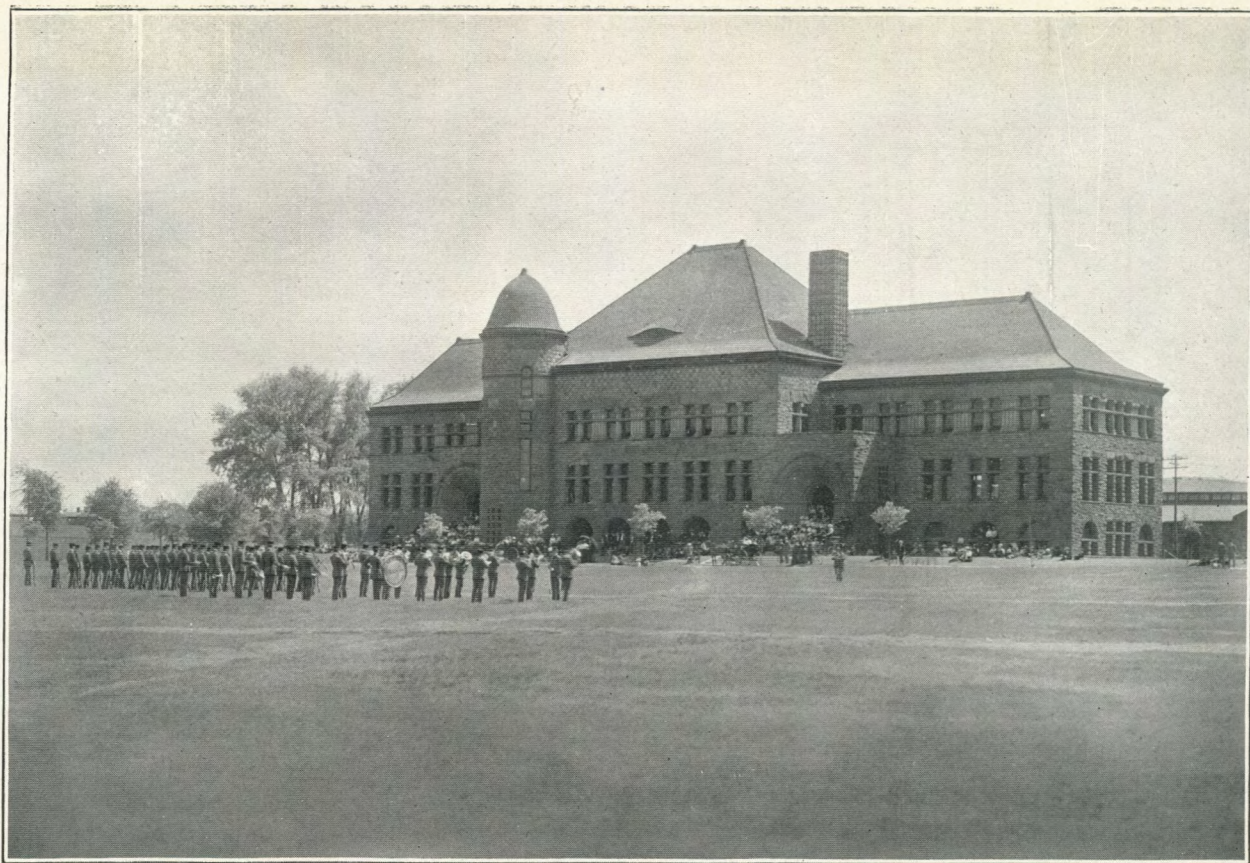
eral college publications: The Minnesota Daily, The Alumni, The Minnesota Magazine, and our annual, the Gopher. We have a Mandolin Club, a Glee Club, and a band which we believe to be the best in the country.

Fraternities in Minnesota are exceedingly numerous. There are chapters of the Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Zeta Psi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Omega Psi. The professional fraternities are Phi Delta Phi, Nu Sigma Nu, Phi Alpha Gamma and Kappa Kappa Kappa, and a girl's medical fraternity. Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi also have chapters here.

Although the fraternities seem so numerous, the attendance at the University is so large that the percentage of the fraternal people is small. The men have houses, but unfortunately the sororities have none. So many of the girls live in their own homes, either in St. Paul or in Minneapolis, and the number of out-of-town girls is so small, that they have never been able to support a house. Necessarily, we miss many pleasures which chapters possessing houses enjoy. The fraternities are friendly to each other, and likewise to the nonfraternity students, and take part in all the college activities.

Nearly every fraternity girl is a member of the Woman's League, the Y. W. C. A., or the Liberal Association, which is formed for those not eligible to the Y. W. C. A. Upsilon has always tried to come into close contact with the non-fraternity girls, and to be interested in whatever the college is interested in, and to abolish as far as possible the lines drawn between sorority and non-sorority girls.

While there is much college spirit at Minnesota, there is little of college life. There are no dormitories excepting at the Farm School, and the students are scattered over the



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Twin Cities. This makes it difficult to carry out various festivities and customs which form so important a part of college life in some institutions. The students are afraid of being made conspicuous. It was considered a radical step this year when the upper classmen adopted distinctive hats and caps. We often envy colleges that have old and time-honored traditions and customs.

There are few restrictions placed upon the liberties of the students; considering the size of the institution, the number of disturbances is surprisingly small. The whole moral tone is remarkably good. President Northrup is not only an excellent disciplinarian, but a friend of every student in college, and is always ready to listen to his woes. He is almost idolized, and his wish is law. One of his remarks in welcoming the freshman class is very characteristic: "When you get lonesome, come and see me." President Northrup is from Yale, and is of national reputation. He is a man of great ability, and is a brilliant speaker.

While we have so many pleasures, yet we do a great amount of work. We carry heavier courses than they do even at Yale. The lazy student has a very uncomfortable time here. The work done is thorough and earnest. Every university course is offered at the Minnesota University excepting one in veterinary medicine. The English department is probably unexcelled. The Philosophy, Botany, Economics and Chemistry departments are especially fine. At present we have a very bad case of the blues, for several of our most popular professors have been offered fine positions in the East. Minnesota is very poor, and pays small salaries. Next year we will lose Mr. Woodbridge, professor of psychology, and Dr. Burton, head of the English department. We shall all feel their loss greatly, for they are men of wide influence, and unusual ability.

Upsilon has been cherishing for a long time the hope of holding the next Grand Convention in Minneapolis. It is the desire of every member of Upsilon and Beta Alumnæ.

It would give us the greatest pleasure to show our University to the delegates and to do all in our power to entertain them. Will not all of our sister chapters consider this an invitation.

GRACE W. LAVAYEA, '03.

Alpha's Trinity

The campus of old Asbury was green and fresh and beautiful that last day of commencement week. It was in the early seventies, when the national scope of Kappa Alpha Theta was fully represented on the map of three Indiana counties, Putnam, Owen and Monroe.

That last day of commencement week was of the glorious kind, found in no other month than June. The last of the college exercises was over; the college year was closed; the village streets were filled with college guests, proud parents, ambitious youths and doting maidens. Lawn dresses moved in swanlike grace and laziness. The campus was a festive place. Three of these fluffy creations were apart by themselves spread in the afternoon shade of old Main Hall. Each wore the golden kite with twin stars pinned to a bow of black and gold silk ribbon. These three grave Seniors, diplomas in hand, their work at old Asbury done, were dreaming openly to themselves in the fashion of free communion, dreaming with souls' dreams that were sweetly mixed with pride, hope, ambition, strong affection and regret. They were not looking back over a proud Alpha's past, but forward to an Alpha's proud future, the coming of which they themselves could do most to assure.

Danville to the east, Brazil to the west and Gosport to the south were the towns that claimed these three. All were within twenty-five miles of the campus of dear old Alma Mater and they were all agreed that from such nearness they could mother their own child, Alpha, and guide it tenderly but surely to the altitude of their dream of dreams. But even with this consolation, and that their reunions were often to be, it was not easy to leave at the beginning of what even then seemed a strangely rare and hallowed tie.

Alice and Bertha and Helen they were, a trinity in themselves, appointed by themselves maternal sentinels for Alpha. "Like this," said Helen, holding a clover leaf, "we three shall be as one and work for Alpha's glory and be as jealous of her good name."

"Pretty enough and true enough," answered Bertha, "but don't you dread to think of autumn, when these clover leaves and grass blades will be parched and withered and buried under a blanket of death, the blanket of crisp dead leaves?"

"That autumn will be glorious enough for us, my dear," said Alice. "Have no fear. We shall be Alpha's trinity, loyal in the gray of autumn as we are today, and when the dead leaves are to cover us, we will see our Alpha better, stronger, mightier than we dreamed. And who knows what blessings good providence may bestow; we have no way to know what good may come to us. Daughters? Yes—perhaps, at least, we will not now go far enough to dream that this new-born trinity is dead or even yet about to die."

The commencement leaving is the bitter-sweet hour in college life. These three June girls in white, Alpha's guardian trinity, met that hour with hearts more glad than sad, with hopes on mountain heights; and so bidding their sweet college life forever adieu, they left, going their ways, east, south and west.

II

When college opened in the fall the trinity were the first of the Alpha girls to return and Alpha's place in the student body was well secure before they departed in their respective ways again, to assume the duties of their newly-chosen pedagogical careers. More than frequently did the trinity return to Greencastle late Friday afternoons, not to leave till as late on the following Sunday.

Their generous affections were not soiled with dogmatism, their counsels were welcomed because they were

neither dictatorial nor autocratic. Alpha learned to love her trinity, and in the abundance of gratitude and affection bestowed upon them, Beta also came to largely share, for the trinity made periodical pilgrimages to the sister charge but forty miles away. This lasted until after another commencement had come around and the trinity had returned, dressed in white, to sit again in the shade of old Main Hall and to talk of green grasses and dried autumn leaves.

Then in the warm summer months following there was much Kansas talk in Central Indiana. Emigration set in that way, crossing the Wabash, over the rolling corn fields of Illinois, across the Mississippi, then the Missouri and into the commonwealth of pompous brag, of opportunity and promise.

In this trail of unrest went the trinity of Alpha. They settled in the valleys of the Arkansas and the Kansas Rivers. Bertha answered a call to take charge of the new red brick High School at Enterprise. Helen, whose natural instinct was in the line of letters, went west with her parents to grow rich with the country. They settled at Hope, but half the county's length from Enterprise. Here, with more than tolerable success, she followed the work of the free-lance literarian. These two of the trinity were as closely knit as ever, though separated by seven hundred miles from Alpha.

But Alice was the isolated fraction of that most happy integer. Married to a bright young college barrister from the East, she settled in that far-off hopeless western third of Kansas, where in each spring life is full of promise, each summer comes with clouds of doubt, and each fall brings the black mantle of despair.

Eminence was her new home town, her husband was the county judge. She was very happy, for life was full of good rich promises. The letters that went to Enterprise and Hope signed "Alice" were cheerful bits of letter rhetoric to receive. As she often repeated, "The mail pouch will keep Alpha's trinity one," as indeed it did.

So it was that when the next commencement week came around the beautiful June days came and went, but the group of three in white was not found in the shade of old Asbury Hall, talking of green grasses and dried leaves. But Alpha's trinity was staunch and loyal none the less.

III

Eastern Kansas fulfilled its promise and more. Eastern Kansas had a right to brag and it bragged. Middle Kansas took up the brag to make itself believe it was as good as Eastern Kansas. Western Kansas bragged with the rest of Kansas, hoping to keep its credit good, but Western Kansas was doomed and it brought ridicule and disfavor to the prosperous east of Kansas, an injustice it should never have been asked to bear.

It was only a few seasons when the letters from Eminence to Enterprise and Hope came less often. But one day there came letters brighter than many that had preceded. Both letters ran alike: I am so happy today. The dearest little Theta girl in all the world has come to me. I am so proud. Her father has given her my name. Daughter of the trinity, Alpha's little Alice. I must go to the little Theta lady now. Good-by. Your loving sister.

ALICE.

Letters were immediately exchanged between Bertha and Helen. There was a conference at Enterprise. An eastern jeweler was ordered to send to Hope, Kan., a golden kite bearing the twin stars, on the back of which was to be engraved: "To Alice From Alpha's Trinity." The package came, the express agent at Hope consigned it on to Eminence and the note that went with it read thus: "Our own dear Alice, place the emblem on the little one. It is from us all three. Let her wear it as a talisman and early grow to love it. And let us all so live that some day, when she is a real true Alpha Alice herself, she will be as proud of the givers as she will be of the little gift itself."

There was a letter sent east from Eminence in answer

to this token of love. It was profuse in extravagant expressions of gratitude and the readers at Hope and Enterprise recognized again the light-hearted Alice of Greencastle days.

Letters from Hope and Enterprise went west frequently, but it was a long, long time before a letter from Eminence came east. A paragraph in that east-bound letter told adequate reason for the prolonged delay.

"You can't blame me. I've fought against it, and but for little Alice I would wish to give up hope. Everything has gone dry out here, everything, even to the people's minds. They are crisp and thin and empty. Eminence is no longer the county seat; the jurisdiction has been moved to the next county east. Some people whose brains have not been all burned out of their skulls are going 'back home.' I see them going every day. I wonder if they know where 'back home' is or how it looks. To me the memory of Greencastle is a great heaven far away and little Gosport is the metropolis of my dreams. I don't know how long it is going to last, but Fred is here and he is here to stay. I love him and am proud of him even though I plead against his belief. He believes in Kansas and in Western Kansas. He goes about cheering the farmers, and writing East for their extended credit. He says there is no place in the world that can raise the crops of Western Kansas—when it rains. But it never rains and now I have come to think it never will."

Months passed and no more word from Eminence had gone east. Helen went to Enterprise to see Bertha. The following day she boarded the Santa Fe train bound west. At Jetmore she had an hour to wait for the little dummy train that the railroad time table pledged to travel two counties further to the west. Jetmore was forlorn. Helen wondered how a human soul could live there. The little train, composed of a red freight car and a wretched old coach, cast off as too poor for service on other lines, at last pulled lazily out of the skimp little shriveled town. It left

none too soon, thought Helen. After leaving it kept up its same lazy trail over the hot iron rails spread like a threaded gridiron over a burning waste.

Eminence was at the end of the line. The schedule was slow, but the engineer shamefaced the schedule and late in the afternoon the conductor called in a manner of unconcern, "Eminence, Eminence."

A few men congregated on the station platform observed the train with idle interest. Their interest increased as they observed Helen, the only passenger left on the car, step off the drooping rear platform. Helen saw a mail pouch flung from the red freight car onto the warped platform. It looked limp and empty enough and nobody seemed interested in it. When Helen inquired of a tall, slender, tan-skinned, blue-eyed man how she might find her way to Judge Remington's house the answer came with a courteous bow, "I reckon I can show you there, ma'am. I'm the judge." Helen looked at him a moment amazed. Alice had said that he was a young man, little more than thirty. This man's hair was iron gray, his eyes small but sharp, his cheeks were sallow, he looked sixty. "Are you—are you—is your wife Alice?" she stammered. She was going to say Alice Palmer from Gosport, Indiana, but he interrupted with a prompt confession.

"Are you one of her friends from the east end of the State?" He said he was glad to see her. He said he was glad she came. He said Alice wasn't well. He said things were kind of dried up around there and all going to pot and most folks were in a terrible hard way just then. The "just then" was emphasized. He spoke as he would have written, but he thought that a frank acknowledgment of things might make conditions appear unnatural and exceptional as he knew they were not. The boards on the walk were warped, twisted, broken and dreadfully hot. The dust in the road, deep and soft as new milled flour, lay undisturbed by gust of wind. House after house, store after store was empty.

Jetmore, as Helen now looked back upon it, seemed like a nice little place after all. There were some leaves on the trees back there. Some houses had little gardens and potted plants and there were some people really living there.

Eminence was an unvalled tomb burning into dry ash under a merciless sun. As they walked down the streets of this city of yester-years the judge, in a dry, parched monotone pointed out house after house, promised home after promised home, now crumbling into dead and sapless fragments. He recited the names of those who in the gone ambitious days had made those walls and after each in turn added, "Gone East."

The fine two-story brick school house was empty, but for a fraction of one of the small basement rooms. The court house was rat-run and the windows cracked and broken. The lines on the judge's face tightened as he said, "The court has gone East, too." When Helen asked after the little girl the answer from the judge came slowly, "She ain't as spry as she used to be, I don't know just why."

When the two members of Alpha's trinity unlocked the long embrace the pale slender face on the pillow said, "Helen, I know it—I know why you came out here, you came out here to see me die. But tell me, tell me, Helen, has God forgotten your country, too? Does it never rain out there?"

It was less than a month when the letter sent to Enterprize read thus:

Bertha Dear:—We buried our dear Alice today. We buried her in the hot sand out here, brave, dear loyal little hero wife to a hero pioneer. I shall gather up some of her sacred little baubles and bring them, with little Alice, back. It was her wish that we should have her. And it was his wish, too—poor good man. Alice is ours now and the dear trinity shall still be unbroken.

Your loving sister,

HELEN.

Among the things which Helen had to say to Bertha upon her return to Enterprise was this: "She wasn't the same old Alice at all. She was dreadfully changed, but her heart was the same dear old loyal Theta heart. She wanted you and me to make Alice all she would have her be. She said she knew we would and some day she would go back to Greencastle. 'But don't put her into Alpha, Helen,' she said, 'make her the girl that will win herself there and then when she is Alpha's Alice give her this, it's my badge, and tell her to wear it for my sake. You'll do this, all this for me, won't you, Helen, you and Bertha? And when her commencement day comes you'll both try to be with her just to sit where we sat and tell her how happy we were then, years back, in the old commencement days when the grass was so fresh and green, before the dry days came.' I promised her everything, Bertha. I promised her everything and we will keep that promise."

IV

When the naughty-naught class entered De Pauw a Senior boy famed for coining ill jokes sprang something in this fashion: "Well, there's the naughtiest, naughty girl in this naughty, naughty class that the naughty-naughts of this naughtyless town may ever hope to see." "Who is she?" asked the Soph. "Don't know," answered the Senior, "but she's a beauty and a clip. What do you suppose she did: passed Billy Gardner on the street yesterday after she had only met him the night before and she wanted to know if he didn't want to go down to the ball game with her, she said she was going"?

"What is she, fresh?" "No, not a bit of it—innocent as a lamb but new, brand new. She's the nicest thing in town. Wait till it's your turn to meet her."

In the afternoon of that day the Sophomore's opportunity to see her came. He was with a group of "Fijis," "Betas," and "Dekes" on the porch of Theta lodge, when down the street came a dainty little calico pony bearing

astride in a dapper grey tailor suit with divided skirt the unsophisticated freshy from Kansas. As she passed the lodge she recognized her new acquaintances and in a manner becoming only in one of her kind she threw out her hand and called, "Hello," and galloped steadily onward.

"Do you know," said one of the girls, "she is positively the worst I ever knew. Bessie Powell had her over to her house the other day to meet some of our girls and she took up with Bessie's kid brothers and went out into the yard with them to play ball. She put on the catching mit and played scrub with them."

"What are you going to do?" asked the Soph, "going to drop her?"

"Drop her!" came the answer, "why we haven't even thought of considering her after that day. She's a horrible tomboy."

"Well, you girls don't know what you're missing," said a Beta Junior, "you'll wish you had her one of these days—I saw two of the Psi girls with her last evening."

"Well, if the Psis want her there is no doubt but that they can get her," said one of the Theta girls. "She'll probably go for the asking, a question of choice would not occur to her. It's about the way she'd do things."

"Don't be too sure of that," came in one of the Fiji men, "that Kansas daisy isn't a wind flower. She's a wiser dame than you think her or I miss my guess. But say, fellows, you ought to try her dancing. We had her up at our house the other evening and she's a fairy on her feet, and she can pound out all kinds of good rag-time on the piano. She puts muscle into her music. Tell you it's the best playing—at least it is my kind all right."

"Did you hear the dig she gave Prexy?" asked one of the men. "When that story got to me I said, 'Well, Miss Kansas is all right.'"

"What on earth did she do?" asked one of the girls.

"Why, Prexy called her to his office and when she got

there he said in his very fatherly way: 'It's a very little matter that I have to speak to you about, Miss Remington. During the devotional exercises in chapel you never bow your head with the others and I thought I'd like to ask why you choose to be so singularly different in this respect.' She looked at him and then giggled, 'But how do you know—unless you peeked?' Say, she nearly killed Prexy. He hasn't been decent to any one since."

V

Alice Remington had been at De Pauw but a little over a month when she sent a letter home as follows:

October 29, 1896.

Dear Aunt Bertha:—I am awfully tired of Greencastle. It isn't half what I thought it would be. The boys at De Pauw are nice enough fellows, but the girls are just horrid. Never do anything. I'm dreadfully anxious to get back home again. Won't you and Aunt Helen let me come? Please do—I'd rather do most anything than stay out here. It isn't at all like Kansas. Write me that you'll let me come. With much love to you and Aunt Helen,

Your loving niece,

ALICE.

But a little more than a week following this, a letter came to Helen at Hope:

Dear Helen:—I am sure the course we have chosen is the wisest one. I hate to say it, but my heart isn't in this anymore. This isn't Asbury now and while I was sitting in our old familiar place in the afternoon shade of Main Hall, trying hard to make myself believe things that were not, the gardener came around to rake up the dead leaves and to comb out the dry grass and I couldn't stand it any longer. I don't believe these Alpha girls would take in Alice, perhaps they wouldn't even if I told them of her mother. Alice is an imp. She's a dear sweet bundle of independence, gentle impudence and merry trouble. Kansas

is the natural home for her kind. We will start back from here tomorrow. You may meet us if you will.

With love from

BERTHA.

VI

When the Alpha girls read the Kappa letter in the January issue of the Journal that the girls of Lawrence were proud to introduce to Theta their new member, Alice Remington, of Hope, there were some who wondered if the girl referred to could be the same wild, pretty, vivacious, awful little Kansas creature that had left Greencastle hardly three months before.

VII

At the Indianapolis convention in '99 the Kappa delegate was a convention favorite. She was the logical debater on the floor, she was the witty, winning leader of the progressive party of that gathering, around whom the younger class girls gathered and clung as filings to a magnet. She was the life of the banquet table on the last night of that convention and it was later discovered that the Kappa Alpha Theta march played by the band in the Circle that evening was the product of her prolific brain.

The Alpha girls were not among the least to worship at her shrine. The day had come, surely enough, when they realized that their loss was another's gain, but they were devoutly thankful that it was but a difference in chapter and not in fraternity. They urged her, pleaded with her to return to Alpha for her Senior year. She was proud of the Alpha girls in return, she would like to return, but her loyalty to Kappa was strongly knit.

However, that Alpha did so want her, that her popularity at the convention had been so convincingly proved, filled the hearts of two Theta women at Enterprise and Hope with a feeling of pride and thanksgiving. It had brought them something they had wanted, the fulfillment of twenty years of patient plan-making and waiting.

Alice did return to Greencastle that fall. The story of her mother's last fond wishes did it. She wore the Theta badge her mother wore. She wore it with queenly pride. Her Phi Beta Kappa decoration was an honor insignificant to that of the little badge worn by Alpha's Alice of almost thirty years ago.

On the afternoon of the last day of commencement week three maids in white sat in the shade of old Main Hall. Two of them were dreaming a little, dreaming mostly of clover leaves and dried grasses. Alpha's trinity, Alice and Bertha and Helen, was again complete and united. Some dreams were of yesterday, some of tomorrow. When nursing on the vision ahead, Bertha and Helen agreed that what Theta needed was women of heart and brain. Alice approved and thought she understood. But when the two elder sisters insisted that sometimes the chapter girls would see no deeper than chiffon and laces, Alice probably doubted, though she strongly maintained that Alpha's trinity was always right.

M. E. S.

Inter-Fraternity Relations

The ever-old and yet ever-new subject of inter-fraternity relations—could anything fresh be said on this theme? Our own fraternity relations are so easy to decide, the passionate loyalty to the kite smoothes over all rough places and makes the way of our fraternity life a box-bordered road of happiness; but the question of our relations to the girls of the other fraternities is quite another matter. It is a more vital point than our attitude to the non-fraternity girls—a little sympathy and human nature so easily decides that. But now and then it almost seems as though we laid aside our natural selves and took on a new exclusiveness in our attitude toward the girls of other fraternities.

Lydia comes to college with a single idea of life and

friendship; Lydia has the charm of frankness and sweetness; she is "rushed." After a while the day comes for her to decide. It is no easy matter for her—a dear friend draws her that way, a love of music or an inborn tendency draws her this. Then she decides. The girls who have lost her shut their lips together closely and go on in the old, familiar way with the disappointment locked tight in their hearts. Lydia used to play the mandolin with one of the "other girls"—somehow or other Lydia stops, it's not all her fault nor all the "other girls'" either. Lydia stops walking with the "other girls," stops dropping into their rooms in her easy, old-time fashion. Finally, one day there comes a little matter of personal sorrow and disappointment to one of "the other girls," and Lydia suddenly finds that she has drifted far out beyond the bar of even possible sympathy. Why has all this come about? It has been developed so slowly that the disease is hard to trace, and yet we know that it is a very serious fraternity trouble.

Once I was talking fraternity philosophy with a fraternity man. I asked him what caused that strange feeling toward those of one's own fraternity which we all know so well, an indescribable feeling, as you know, with its root in love confessed. He offered as an explanation this: "I know something which you know—that other man does not know it." Perhaps this is the key to the fraternity sentiment; but in the charm of it we sometimes lose that broader, if less binding tie which makes us all fellow-human beings, if not all sisters in Theta.

We all realize that inter-fraternity harmony is hurt by the embittering tendency of "rushing," that there are all sorts of rivalries and large differences of opinion in our every-day college life; but these are mere flecks in a larger view of life, set there to test the large-heartedness of the fraternity woman. It is possible and right in our inter-fraternity relations to have a full spirit of forgiveness, a store of sympathy and trust, an unfaltering clearness of mind, and an unprejudiced justness. It is perfectly possible,

too, to set aside little "rushing" considerations and enjoy the fine qualities in the other girls, to build a bridge across the chasm which separates us of Theta from you of something else, and to go across that bridge sometimes, entering straight into the lives of the dwellers on the other side.

I would plead for a greater simplicity in our inter-fraternity relations. It is really very complicated to think first of the little pin on a girl's dress before the fact that she is a simple girl with a personality. I would make this plea first of all for the honor of the name *fraternity*; an immeasurably greater respect would come to us from the criticising legions outside the Greek world. The ties which bind us together in a new life of unselfish work and spiritual fellowship, these ties would not separate us from the other girls about us. Finally, I would plead this for the sake of our college world at large, which is sometimes marred and spoiled by the bitterness of our inter-fraternity relations.

May the paths of Theta be through pleasant places, running side by side with other paths, sometimes crossing and intertwining with them—for at the meeting of two paths there blooms a wonderful flower called Generous Womanhood.

MARGUERITE CAMPION, Alpha Beta.

The Report of the Educational Committee

Though the Educational Committee has not been faint hearted in the marking of the current examination papers, the averages are higher than former years. For this advance in marks the three hundred and eighty Thetas who wrote papers must thank the Grand Convention of last summer, which provided that every chapter adopt a plan of study and follow it as closely as possible. We have aimed and gradually we shall succeed in securing that Thetas be well informed as to all the workings of their own

fraternity and something of the doings of all Greeks. Some explanation is due all in regard to the marks.

Prior to this, there has been no common understanding as to the action of our committee in cases of chapters where one or more in a chapter fail to take examination, due to illness or some other unavoidable cause. So this year there will be no falling off of the average of chapters so placed, but in the future, application must be made for permission to take the examination at a later date, otherwise the percentage is lowered.

Due to the unfortunate conditions consequent upon the burning of the main building of Wooster University, the examination was modified somewhat for Epsilon and their grade is merely proportionate.

As the plans of study varied in the several chapters, so do results vary and as every step towards uniformity is a forward step so we hope to have every chapter adopt the same syllabus of study next fall, such a syllabus to be formed out of the best material submitted to us this past season.

The questions which called for original thought were ably answered and will be of interest and value to the committee who have in hand the revising of the Constitution.

There is a great feeling among Thetas and other fraternity women from coast to coast against that recognized evil of fraternity life—namely, rushing. From reports, the making of freshmen ineligible to membership would either prolong or intensify this unnatural condition of affairs. Since there is the same repugnance felt in every college where women's fraternities exist, why do we not take the initial step and ask for the co-operation of the other fraternities in calling a meeting of delegates from all, where we can come to an agreement to abolish rushing and thus establish fraternity life upon a fair basis of equal rights and friendship.

CHAPTER AVERAGES—1902

Iota	83.4	Epsilon	94
Lambda	85.6	Eta	97
Nu	85	Kappa	94.3
Chi	83	Pi	90.9
Alpha Beta	97	Rho	89.5
Alpha Delta	86.7	Tau	90.3
Alpha Epsilon	92.4	Upsilon	93
Alpha Zeta	82	Psi	93
Alpha	90	Alpha Gamma	92
Beta	66	Phi	97
Delta	85	Omega	85.3

MAY K. FLANNERY,
Chairman Educational Committee.

The Fraternity's Growth Intensive Rather Than Extensive

My position as editor of the Catalogue has afforded unusual opportunities of studying the growth of our fraternity and noting the changes that have been made from time to time in its plan of organization. And perhaps it is not unfitting at the close of another year of our history to look back for a little while. In its early years the executive power was vested in the mother chapter, Alpha; but with frequent additions to the chapter roll it became necessary to place the highest authority in a Grand Chapter, so-called, composed of one member from each chapter. This was done in 1883. The fraternity continued to grow, and in consequence such a body as the Grand Chapter became unwieldy, so that in 1891 the constitution was amended to provide for a Grand Council, consisting of President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers were elected by the convention, a delegated body in which every chapter was represented.

In 1893 the chapters were grouped into three organized

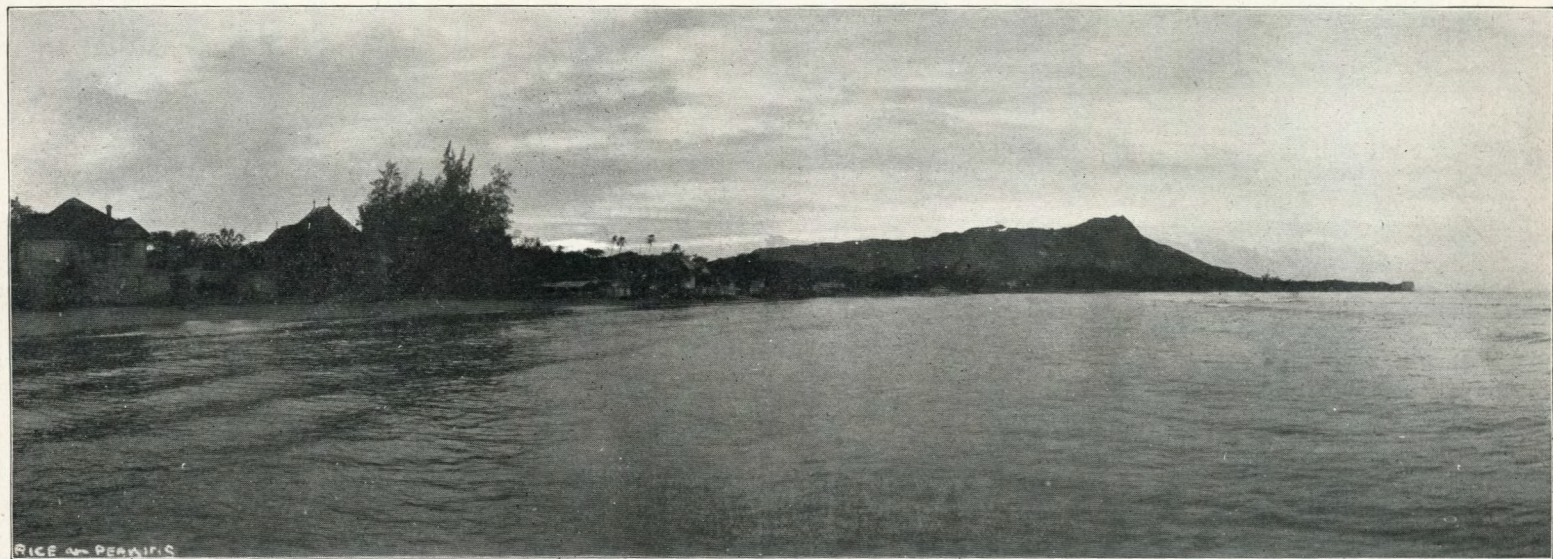
districts, each district having its President, who, by virtue of her office, was a Vice-President of the reorganized Grand Council, at the same time the editorship of "Kappa Alpha Theta" was made a Grand Council office.

District conventions have been optional, and Beta district is the only one that has taken advantage of this provision. An enactment of the convention of last July makes it a duty of each District President to visit the chapters in her district during the school year of 1902-03. The results of these visits will be watched with interest, as it is expected that the suggestions and inspiration brought to the chapters will have a unifying influence.

When we reflect that these changes in organization have been toward centralization, and that for the last ten years only four active chapters have been admitted, while nine alumnæ chapters have received charters, it will be readily seen that our growth has been intensive rather than extensive.

Is there not suggestion in this brief resume for the chapters to work along the same line perfecting the details of chapter management and organization?

M. E. BELL.



RICE & PEARCE

Diamond Head—Honolulu

"Aloha Oe"

"Aloha oe" is the message that is borne to you by the winds of the western sea. From far-off Honolulu six Theta sisters send their greetings.

Mrs. Agnes Crary Weaver and Susan G. Clarke represent Omega of California, while from Rho of Nebraska we have Mrs. Dena Loomis Gere. Phi of Stanford is represented by Claire Grace Barnhisel and Maryline Barnard, and Upsilon of Minnesota by Charlotte Van Cleve Hall.

In the spring of 1899 Agnes Crary, one of Omega's charter members came to Honolulu to become Mrs. Philip Weaver.

During the summer of the same year (1899) Susie Clarke came with her parents to make this her home. She taught for a year in the Government Normal School and is now teaching Greek at Oahu College, the school founded in 1841 by the missionaries for their children.

Mrs. Gere came in 1900 with her husband, a Sigma Chi, from Nebraska, and they are now loyal Honoluluites. She has a charming personality that has won for her an important place in social circles.

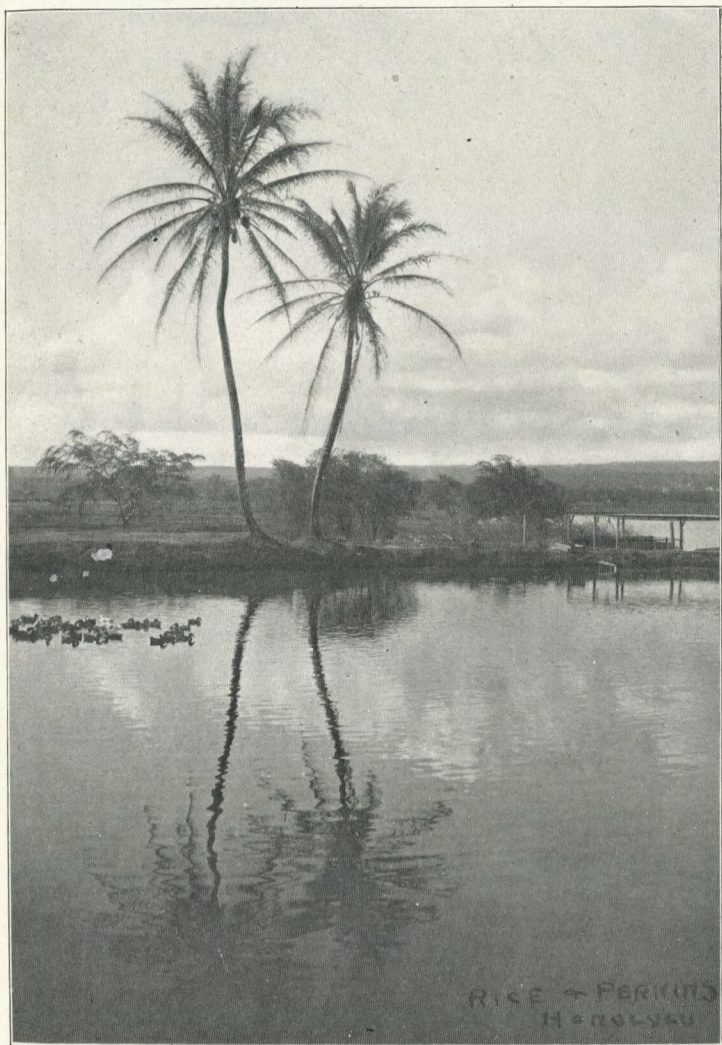
Grace Barnhisel and Maryline Barnard are both spending the year in Honolulu. They are teaching in the Kamehameha School for Girls, an endowed boarding school for Hawaiians, which is most attractively situated at the west end of the city.

Charlotte Hall has lived in Honolulu all her life and after learning the value of true Theta sistership during her two years far from home she has been more than glad to welcome with heartiest aloha the Thetas who have come to her island home. She has often heard Theta news from college men from all parts of the Mainland who have recognized her little kite. She is assisting in the Kindergarten Department of Oahu College.

Once more we wish you a hearty aloha, the true Hawaiian greeting, and if ever a Theta visits the islands

she may be sure of a warm welcome from her sisters in the "Paradise of the Pacific."

Honolulu, S. I.



Cocoa Palms—Honolulu

A Message From Porto Rico

JUNCAS, PORTO RICO.

Dear Thetas:—Porto Rico, the land of eternal mañana, is a lovely country "wrapped in the light of God's smile," for the whole island is made roughly beautiful by great ranges of high mountains, which in turn are crumpled into innumerable ragged hills. My ideas about Porto Rican and other tropical vegetation were gathered largely from the geographies of my childhood, so I had visions of impassable jungles where anacondas and boa constrictors gracefully festooned themselves around tree trunks and waited for unsuspecting Americans. I was doomed to disappointment, however, for although the vegetation is amazingly luxuriant and of a rich green never seen in the States, the island is too crowded with people to admit of jungles and large snakes are so rarely seen as to be almost unknown. Plants and vegetables grow with almost no care, but the natives, who are so poor that fully one-half of them suffer from ænemia due to lack of proper nourishment, are too lazy to cultivate more than a few feet around their huts. If they can have a couple of cents' worth of rice and a drink of rum every day, they feel that tomorrow can truly take care of itself.

Their dress is rather picturesque. The men wear a full shirt, like a shirtwaist, of the most brilliant and vivid colors. This is gathered into the waist by a gay sash with hanging tassled ends. The sash also serves to conceal the top of the baggy, shapeless trousers. The women devote little time or thought to their clothes, but they spend hours daily dressing their hair in wonderful peaks and pompadours, always adorned with a gaudy flower. Then, too, they use an alarming amount of powder on their faces, the dark-skinned as well as the white, so that the result as a rule is a ghastly mask. As they often forget that the neck

shows, the contrast between the dark neck and the grey white face is startling.

Porto Rico boasts of a great many interesting customs and fiestas, among which the "Boda" or wedding, may be of interest. The invitations usually state the hour of the wedding as being at ten o'clock at night, but for those Americans who go at that time there is a long, weary wait until the actual ceremony. From ten until about three in the morning, the bride, dressed in a wrapper, receives her friends, men, women and children. The women are admitted to her own room where all the wedding finery is



A typical native hut, closed for the night with curtains of potato sacking.

displayed, for even Porto Rican brides like to show their pretty things. During this time "light refreshments," such as baked ham, bread, rum and beer are served, native music is played and often the guests dance. At about half-past three the bride appears and the company starts for the church on foot; even the bride has no carriage. Before the wedding both bride and groom are confessed. Then, while peons, charcoal burners and washerwomen crowd around the bridal party, even brushing against the bride, the cere-

mony is performed. Two rings are used, being put on the plate with thirteen pieces of silver. The groom hands them to the priest, who blesses them, sprinkles them with holy water and returns them to the groom. He gives them to the bride, who in turn, gives them back to the church. After the marriage service, the sacrament is administered to the bride and groom, during which each holds a lighted taper. These candles are anxiously watched, for the one whose candle goes out first is said to die first. After the



Washer women at the river. The washing is done by beating the clothes between two rocks.

church service, the party returns to the house, where the festivities are continued until daylight.

Christmas is celebrated here only by an eleven o'clock supper Christmas eve and midnight mass, which everyone attends. The real Christmas spirit is felt on the sixth of January which is called "The Three Kings' Day." The night before there are dances in all the houses and small huts throughout the country. Before going to bed, the children fill boxes with grass and place them outside of the house, by the door, for though they are not acquainted

with Santa Claus, they believe that the Three Kings or the Three Wise Men from the East ride about the land on mules. The mules eat the grass in the boxes and the kings leave presents for the children, provided they have been good. Meanwhile the older people finish the night by singing, prayers and by making good resolutions. The next day there is much visiting, dancing and riding of horses.

The natives are passionately fond of dancing, and dignity is cast to the winds when the wierd gourd and guitar music is in full swing. The funniest scene one could possibly imagine is when they try to dance the two-step! Such hopping, such leaping and jumping! Pretty girls are dragged around by energetic, prancing senors, dusty, warm, tired and yet enthusiastic over the new dance, which no American girl would recognize as a two-step!

Although I am in a land where fraternity girls are an unknown quantity and where, when a fraternity pin is seen, it is handled with the impertinent familiarity with which Porto Ricans treat all things, my thoughts are constantly flying back to the days of "civilization," of college girls and college "stunts," of Theta and of the strong sweet love of the fraternity. So thinking that perhaps some of the Thetas would like to know something of the life here, I send you this message and my heartiest greetings from darkest Porto Rico.

MRS. C. B. HOBART.

President's Letter

Out of the West, in this beautiful Easter season of the year—greetings to our Thetas everywhere.

This is the season when I have been picturing to myself our chapters, freed from the time-stealing labors of rushing, devoting the lengthening days toward securing a closer acquaintance, a deeper intercourse, between our own members. We sometimes think that during the rushing season our enjoyment of each other is marred by the necessity of having strangers always with us. At other times I have emphasized the importance of enlarging our influence, or working for our college and the women whom we meet in her every department. With equal pleasure I now remind you that to us, and to us alone, belong the latter halves of both terms, and I urge upon you to seize every opportunity of drawing closer together. Especially must we see to it that the happiness of these last spring months is very deep for our Seniors—they are enjoying chapter life as active members for the last time. Make the weeks very sweet to them.

We extend to our Seniors of 1902 deep thankfulness for the part they have played in the responsibility of maintaining our chapter and fraternity. No one realizes more fully than the alumnæ the many petty duties you have performed, the daily giving of your time, thought and labor for the fraternity. It is we, the alumnæ who welcome you into our alumnæ body and gladly assure you that your loyalty may still find its duties for the fraternity.

And now that I have come thus to the alumnæ, I may speak plainly what I have longed to emphasize to you individually as chapters during the past months. My present work for the fraternity keeps ever before me the fact that the great strength of each and every chapter lies in its alumnæ. The outside world, the faculty, know us best

through our alumnæ. The stamp of a certain individuality of which we boast is our inheritance from the past. Are you intimately connected with your alumnæ? Is the chapter house the natural center of interest to the alumnæ in the town? Do they know the details of your management? Do you ask them often and often to the chapter house? Are their opinions asked and respected? Are you willing to acknowledge your faults to them when with all true loyalty they suggest improvements, or changes of any kind? Do not change the inherited characteristics of your chapter and evade precedent, because you say times are changed and the alumnæ are antiquated. True, their methods may not in all cases suffice now, but the spirit and attitude underlying their chapter life should be preserved by you above everything else. Do not try to accommodate yourselves to the standards set by others. There is room in each college for many types of womanhood. Cling to those types bequeathed to you. Your charters were committed to the keeping of women deemed worthy of upholding the fraternity in your colleges, and in times of trouble your alumnæ are held largely responsible for the chapters.

What will the coming Senior Class do toward securing this feeling of inter-dependence between the alumnæ and active members? Our greeting to the coming Seniors is very cordial and trustful. In your new responsibilities we gladly pledge our help when you need it. May chapter life deepen and broaden under your administration—deepen through the mutual loyalty of the members; broaden by seeking the advancement of the whole organization.

And to the Freshmen we have a message: Is it because we remember so lovingly our Freshman days—our feeling of devotion and yet our sad consciousness of inefficiency—our longing to work and do, and yet the inevitable question: "What can I do?" During these March days in California, when violets are in glad profusion and we dodge under great overhanging boughs of foamy fruit blossoms in the orchard, I have thought of all that this

beautiful season might mean to our fraternity if the work were properly organized. Have the Freshmen made the chapter rooms so beautiful with flowers that we regret less the necessity of spending at least some hours of the long days within doors? The Freshmen cannot take the responsibility of committees of national importance, but here is a field for work for which they can be wholly responsible. Our loyalty is strengthened by service. Let us avail ourselves of the boundless energy of these tyros in fraternity work.

To the Sophomores about to become Juniors, from whose ranks many of the delegates to our next Grand Convention will come, my message is: Make the next year count in fraternity work. Upon you rests the responsibility of voting upon questions of interpretation and policy. We not only want your opinions upon matters already before us, but we want suggestions resulting from your own observation.

My preachment is done.

Loyally in Kappa Alpha Theta,

EDNAH HARMON WICKSON.

Gamma District—President's Letter

Dear Kappa Alpha Thetas:—Gamma district no longer says we two, for now we are three. Iota alumnæ has come to strengthen the work of the active chapters and to keep our southern alumnæ in close touch with Theta affairs. We trust that their example may be followed by other groups of alumnæ, some of which already have a local organization.

Omega and Phi are both dwelling in their own homes and find chapter-house life the ideal college life in spite of an occasional scarcity of servants and other household mishaps.

Both rushing season and examinations are now things

of the past, so chapter meetings can now be devoted to good times together. These are the really fine fraternity meetings where we come close to one another in pleasure. These are the meetings the alumnæ remember and sometimes recall for us. These are the meetings that each chapter should strive to multiply for these are the meetings that make for Theta womanhood.

Our universities close in May, so we are already planning for next fall. The uppermost question is what can be done to decrease rushing? An old question but a serious one that must be solved, for fraternity women cannot afford to let their methods of selecting new members build a barrier between them and other college women.

From our land of sunshine we send to you all bright greetings and an urgent invitation to all of you who come to this bright land to visit us. In Theta loyalty,

L. PEARLE GREEN,
President of Gamma District.

Διαλεγόμεθα

"I like your college, all but the fraternities," says a frank, but very fair-minded mother. That she is not, herself, a fraternity woman, we like to believe. And, in fact, she is not. But her daughter is just entering fraternity life, and therefore her words have weight.

What can we offer this daughter that will be worth while in the eyes of her mother? A very grave question this is, though not without light. For, to quote what I think we all believe, "The fraternity idea holds the possibility of a powerful incentive to social, moral, and intellectual growth." To fulfill this possibility will be to offer something worth while to the new sister.

Let us consider her a moment. Whatever her qualities and tastes, she must find at least some congeniality among her sisters. And though she will speedily learn that the greatest of blessings lies in the giving, she must now receive from the little store we have to offer.

First gift of all is our warmest love, as every Theta will agree. "We must make fraternity the most homelike place possible," says one girl. And true it is that the essentials of the best fraternity life are akin to those of the best home life. The field before us is the weekly meeting. Our aim, a happy freedom born of order.

Just how the fraternity meeting shall be ordered, is determined by a hundred needs and circumstances. It may be a jollification, with games and songs; a quiet evening with sewing and story; a musical evening; an evening for fraternity study. If it be really worth the while, its preparation will cost some thought.

But, in behalf of the new sister, let her have a turn in making the plans. It is a real education. Then she will

not question, as her mother does, whether fraternity be worth the while. She will know that it pays a hundred fold for every bit of effort, on her part, to make it worth the while. Perhaps she will gain a new dignity. And, perhaps, fraternity will be able to stand the searchlight of her mother's eyes.

MARY T. BROWNELL, Lambda.

Not long ago I met a Theta, now out of college and engaged in Y. W. C. A. work. She mentioned having spent some time in ———, where we have a chapter, and I promptly asked, "Did you meet the Thetas there?" "Not in connection with my work," she said sadly, "for it is said in ——— that it is absolutely impossible to belong to a fraternity and be a Christian."

I was rather puzzled by this, because my experience had never found fraternity life opposed to religion, nor did close examination of the principles on which we base our organization give the lie to my experience. If our system is right, what then is wrong? Is it not our interpretation of it? We do not pretend to be primarily a religious society, but Heaven forbid that we should be instruments of the evil one! And what else shall we be if we take in Freshman members only to fill their eager and receptive minds with distorted views of life—society and scholarship as the only goals and ourselves setting contagious examples in the race after them? Let us work out a motif in each chapter which shall stand, in the eyes of all who behold us, a well-rounded, fully developed bust—like a many-sided prism with the Y. W. C. A. facet polished quite as brightly as the rest. It may not be the style for fraternities to do that in your college, but it is a precedent Kappa Alpha Theta can well afford to establish.

So do not refuse to take a girl simply because she is an enthusiastic worker in the Christian Association, nor, when once you have taken her in, persuade or even encourage her to drop it. From a purely selfish standpoint it is a part

of her all-round development. If you could have seen the splendid specimen of young womanhood who made the remark I quoted in the beginning, you would have agreed with me that half her charm came from her consecration; but, dear sisters, if you had seen the look of pained love in her eyes when she spoke of —— you would think long before you would let it be said, "No Theta here can be a Christian."

EPSILON

The much-discussed question of the relations of the fraternity and the non-fraternity elements is ever one of concern. The fraternity besides being an organization for the mutual helpfulness and development of its members, is a vantage point of influence and altruistic endeavor in the whole college life.

This is the true fraternity spirit, yet in certain colleges where "fraternity spirit" is said to run, the term means anything but this. It means that college honors and offices are sought by the fraternities for fraternity reasons, that college enterprises are carried on in the interest of the fraternities and that college politics are under their control. This naturally arouses the antagonism of the non-fraternity element and "fraternity spirit" is recognized as the spirit of selfishness. Although we feel ourselves to be the salt of the college, let us acknowledge the merit outside the camp of the Greeks.

Familiarity with Chapter History—

After much consideration, Lambda has decided upon a course of study which promises to be both entertaining and profitable. This is not so much a course of study as a series of researches for the purpose of making the chapter familiar with its own beginnings and its early history. In this undertaking, as in all others, we are most loyally aided by the Eta Alumnæ Chapter of Burlington, among whom are several of our charter members.

The first evening of this series is to be devoted to Alpha Rho, the local society from which the chapter was formed. The character of the meetings, its customs and purposes are all to be talked over and discussed by its old members who are long since Thetas, and there will be many stories of work and of frolics so like our own.

The second evening is to be taken up with the founding of the chapter. Some of the charter members have promised to tell us how the chapter came into existence, how it began its life, and about the earlier days which are now forgotten. Surely with such advantages we have little excuse for forgetting.

The other evenings will follow along this same plan, tracing the growth of the chapter and its development up to the present time. Some evenings will be given to the study of our more noted alumnæ, some to the former customs of the fraternity which are now gone by.

We have often, in talking to our old members, felt a serious lack of knowledge of our own history, a knowledge which we think is of the greatest importance in making us take an intelligent interest, not only in our own chapter, but in the whole fraternity.

One other result of this course of study we hope will be to strengthen the interest and sympathy, already so strong, between ourselves and our older sisters, who have done and are still doing so much for us.

R. E. K., Lambda.

A Date For Pledging—

From year to year the growing problem of how to avoid "rushing" deserves more and more careful consideration. The evils of "rushing" are undoubted. In the first place, the college suffers because of excessive attention to social events and consequent neglect of class-room duties. Secondly, the fraternity loses dignity through its unseemly grasping after possible candidates and incurs the suspicion

of mixed motives underlying the gracious cordiality with which it welcomes new-comers in the fall. The ideals of sisterhood, moreover, are partly obscured by the undue emphasis given to the social side of fraternity life, so that initiates do not sufficiently realize the sacredness of the new relations upon which they are entering. The Freshman herself, in the third place, suffers injury, for much of her impression of college life is gained during the first few weeks after entering, and this impression must be somewhat false and disproportioned if the main attention has been given to receptions, drives and calls.

Many solutions have been suggested for this problem of "rushing," among them, an inter-fraternity asking-day, the postponement of pledging until the Sophomore year, the postponement of pledging until the second half of the first year. Of these, the third seems most desirable. Inter-fraternity asking-day has its drawback in the difficulty of keeping closely to the original agreement, and in this respect comes the advantage of a firmly-established, well-understood custom of giving invitations on a regular date. To hold Freshmen altogether ineligible to fraternity is keeping them from one of the best of the college influences at the time of their greatest need, and at the same time weakens the active chapter by shutting out young enthusiasm. The half-way course of making Freshmen ineligible until mid-year, while depriving the chapter of temporary pleasure, is in the end wiser. To the individual it gives a chance to become well-settled in her college work, to appreciate the value of fraternity, and to find the group of most congenial companions. To the chapter it assures the opportunity of getting thoroughly acquainted with the Freshmen personally, and, in this way, of avoiding mistakes which lead to future discord. Of more importance, however, than the gains in expediency, is the essential advantage of this system. The fraternity has maintained its dignity, proved its worth, and may consistently expect from its initiates devotion to high standards of sisterhood, unsullied by "rushing."

E. B. C., Lambda.

EDITORIALS

The strength of a fraternity lies in its members. This is a statement that we have heard many times and it cannot be emphasized too strongly. The fraternity is composed of units and these units are not the chapters, but the individual members of the chapters. This idea is sometimes lost sight of and we often find members of a fraternity whose horizon is bounded by the chapter circle—whose fraternity world lies within the limits of the college where the chapter is located. The national organization receives little consideration from such members. The chapter interests with them are of paramount importance. They do not stop to think that the chapter owes its life to the national organization; that without the national organization the chapter would be “like a ship without a rudder.” They forget that their first interest should be the interest of the fraternity as a whole. It is natural for the chapter interests to demand attention first—they seem so much nearer—but let us not forget that first and foremost the welfare of the national organization should be considered.

To the national organization should be given the heartiest co-operation of every individual. It is in this way only that we can hope to have a strong organization, every chapter and every individual working together with the common interest—the good of the fraternity at large, living up to the standards set by it and looking out for its welfare first.

Because the chapters are so widely separated and the members of the various chapters come in contact with each other so rarely, there is a growing tendency to feel that the general fraternity is far removed; that the members have been initiated into the chapters and not into the national fraternity; that the national fraternity's interests are of secondary importance.

How shall we make each individual realize that she belongs first to the national organization? How can we impress upon her the fact that a fraternity's strength lies in its individual members? How can we make her feel that the national organization needs her and that only through her efforts united with her sisters can the organization hope to maintain its high standard and make the progress in the fraternity world that is worthy of it. This lack of interest is perhaps most apparent to the members of the Council. Could the members of the chapters realize the time and patience expended by the Council members in obtaining information requested from the chapters there would be undoubtedly greater attention given to the requests of the Council and all business pertaining to the general fraternity would be transacted more promptly. It has not been an unknown thing for an officer to send two requests and sometimes three and follow the third with a telegram in order to get any response from a chapter. Can this be due to the fact that the national fraternity means nothing to the chapters? Are its interests centered in itself alone? Or is this due to the negligence of some chapter officer who is willing to let the chapter suffer for her remissness? If each individual realized her obligation to the national organization more fully; if she were willing to sacrifice her own convenience more often to meet these demands made upon her time; if she could realize more and more that the power and strength of the national organization lies in the co-operation and thoughtfulness of every member of that organization—whether she be in the Green Mountains of Vermont or on the sunny slopes of California; if she could feel that she was a *part* of the great organization and that the success of the organization depended upon her doing her part promptly and well; then would the fraternity realize to the fullest extent the power and strength of its members; then would it best be able to stand for its highest ideals. With unity and harmony for its corner-stones its progress will be

sure and steady and its power for good will be a factor in the life of our universities and colleges that can scarcely be estimated.

The importance of having a regular meeting place is most desirable both for active and for *alumnæ* chapters. Every chapter should have a home, be it ever so humble. If it is not feasible to have a chapter house, then a chapter room is the next best thing. All of the property of the chapter should be kept in this room. Here should be kept the chapter archives. Every chapter should have a good "strong box" for this purpose. A keeper of the archives should be chosen who should be held responsible by the chapter. It should be her duty to see that all important documents belonging to the chapter are placed in the "strong box" and kept there. She should carry the key to this box and keep close account of all documents taken from the box and see that they are returned to their proper place.

Here should be the chapter's charter, the minutes of the various conventions, copies of the constitution, a complete file of Journals and catalogues, chapter songs and chapter groups and a complete chapter catalogue which is kept up to date. Besides these things a chapter "log" would be very valuable and indeed very interesting. Newspaper clippings of all kinds where the chapter is mentioned, toast programs and souvenirs of functions in which the chapter is interested, should all find their way into the archives and should be regularly catalogued by the keeper. As the years go by these archives will increase in importance and value and any chapter that undertakes to make its archives complete and keeps them up to date, will be repaid a hundred fold for the time and trouble expended.

We wish to remind the chapters that the requirements from each chapter for the Journal were not lessened at the

last convention. Some of the chapters have not contributed anything to the Journal this year. That you have not been requested directly to furnish material for the Journal has not relieved you of your obligation in the matter and the *finis* will be enforced accordingly. The time will be extended to the end of the present college year and you are therefore urged to attend to this matter at once.

The new Catalogue has made its appearance and certainly speaks eloquently of the untiring efforts of its editor and her worthy assistant. It is very complete in every detail and will be a valuable addition to any Theta's library. The fraternity is certainly under many obligations to Miss Bell and to Miss Florence Bell, who have given so generously of their time and strength and have achieved such noteworthy success in this arduous undertaking.

It has certainly been a great pleasure to receive the greetings of our sisters who are separated from us by such a wide expanse of sea, and to know that they have not forgotten us. Their interest in Theta's welfare is as keen as when they left the States and proves to us conclusively how strong are the bonds that bind us in fraternity.

May we take this opportunity to express to many of our members our appreciation of their generosity in contributing to the pages of the Journal this year. It is largely through them that we have been able to carry on the work and we feel that the fraternity as a whole owes to them a debt of gratitude. The warm words of appreciation of our labors that have come to us from every side have been very gratifying and encouraging.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

IOTA—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Our first year of existence as a chapter is nearly finished, and we realize our privilege in being, at last, more than a "Theta Club," in being part of the fraternity, organized, with definite aims in view. Our meeting, the first Saturday of each month, has been a day to anticipate for its reunion of chapter sisters and its formation and strengthening of newer bonds.

We felt from the first that we must renew and refresh our knowledge of fraternity matters, and part of each meeting has been devoted to studying the general and the alumnae constitutions, outlined with ten questions for each day.

At our January meeting Mrs. Phillips gave us "A History of Kappa Alpha Theta," and Helen Vinyard a talk on "Unwritten Things of Theta."

February 1 found the doors of our President, Mrs. Hammond's, hospitable home again opened to us, and after the regular work of the day, Dorothea Roth gave us Browning's "The Flight of the Duchess." Following our literary treat, our hostess refreshed the "inner man" with delicious chocolate and cakes.

We have enjoyed having Miss Barber, of Alpha, meet with us several times. Edith Barnhisel, of Phi, has been making individual Thetas happy by visits before she returns to her San José home, and on March 1 she was present at our meeting.

One of the aims of Iota Alumnae is to have the privilege of meeting and greeting every Theta who sojourns in our city. Won't you let us know when you are here, and act as a "visiting delegate" to bring a bit of eastern fraternity thought to our meetings while you remain?

EDITH L. HILL.

ETA—BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

Since our last letter we have had but one meeting which was another enjoyable evening spent with Browning. This time Miss Boynton opened to us her delightful home and a large number, including the active chapter, some of our personal friends from the city, both ladies and gentlemen, were with us. Mr. Horace A. Eaton, instructor in English and German in the University, gave a most scholarly and instructive, as well as a very entertaining paper on "A Grammarian's Funeral." Mr. Eaton's ten years of study at Harvard makes him a thorough student of Browning and his European trips gave him an opportunity to bring in the most charming touches of Italian scenery, which helped us to form in our minds the setting of the poem. After refreshments a general social time was enjoyed.

Though, perhaps, I am infringing on Lambda's rights in speaking of it, one of the pleasantest times of the year was spent with Lambda during the evening devoted to Alpha Rho, the society which became a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. "The happy days gone by" seemed but as yesterday as all the memories of the past came trooping back and we were all girls again. At such times, when the younger girls manifest such keen interest in all the little details of those olden days and when we enjoy their hearty welcome and hospitality, we realize more than ever, that for all this, during all these years, we are indebted to fraternity.

FLORENCE E. NELSON.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

No Letter.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

We have hardly noted the flight of time since "mid-years," so busy and full of pleasure have the days all been. But the calendar reminds us that Easter vacation will be here in less than a week.

Various interests, literary and social, have claimed Lambda's attention of late. A lecture on the "Merchant of Venice," given in the library February 21, by Mr. Henry Austin Clapp, of Boston, and another of the alumnae evenings with Browning at Miss Boynton's home, when Dr. Eaton, of the University, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the "Grammarians' Funeral," have been among the literary delights which we have enjoyed.

There have been quite a round of receptions and "at homes" to attend. Dr. and Mrs. Beard, of the College Street Congregational Church, of which Dr. Beard is pastor, gave a pleasant evening reception to the college students March 7. The Y. W. C. A. entertained the Y. M. C. A.'s of the academic and medical departments with an informal reception at Grassmount on the evening of March 6. Mrs. Buckham gave delightful "at homes" Friday afternoons in February. And, by the way, have we told of the custom which President and Mrs. Buckham have established this year of inviting us to their home Sunday evenings between tea and church time to sing hymns? Their delightful hospitality and cordiality make these evenings very homelike and very enjoyable.

Mrs. Butterfield, one of our professor's wives, who entertains the college girls in such a jolly and novel manner on the second Saturday afternoon of every month, provided a most unique entertainment at her last after-

noon, in giving us a doll party. Perhaps other Thetas do not like to play with dolls any more, but we all did. Even our Seniors laid aside their dignity and renewed their youth in this sportive way.

We have all been much interested in the recent Student Volunteer Convention held at Toronto and were glad to send a Theta delegate. She told us of meeting an Alpha Epsilon representative and also an Iota alumnae.

Among the important events scheduled to take place shortly after vacation is the annual play by the men April 12. "She Stoops to Conquer" is to be presented this year. The Junior Promenade comes on April 18. The musical Thetas are much interested now in rehearsals for Dudley Buck's cantata, "Don Munio," which is to be given soon by a mixed chorus of students. In the more distant future is the Shakespeare play to be given by the girls in June for which we are already planning.

We are very happy in having Mabel Brownell, '01, with us again after her long absence in Minneapolis. She arrived home on Saturday evening, the evening of our chapter meetings, and her mother invited us all to the house after the meeting and gave us a jolly spread in honor of Mabel's return.

At our last chapter meeting we were charmingly entertained by some of the members of Alpha Rho, the local society which received a charter from Kappa Alpha Theta in 1881. It was at once amusing, entertaining, interesting and instructive to hear reminiscences of the pioneer days of co-education in our alma mater.

Lambda wishes that the closing weeks of this college year may be full of happiness and success to all her Theta sisters.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The spring vacation came and went, and now the spring term, the best of all the year, has begun. Our campus has put on its new suit of green, the little violets

are beginning to peep up, and even the trees which seemed almost dead, under the weight of snow and ice, have awakened, and hundreds of birds have taken up their abode in them; all is joy and life. Mu is generally happy and joyous and now at such a time how could she be otherwise?

We are glad that the fraternity examination, which was a source of worry and fretting for awhile, is over. Some of us did not do as well as we ought to have done, but with a hope of doing better next time, "let by-gones be by-gones."

The last four or five of our Saturday evenings of the winter term were not spent in our rooms, but at the various homes of our town girls. Mrs. Walter Bates, Helen Anderson, Jennie Brawley and Maude Shadduck entertained Kappa Alpha Theta in their homes. The evenings spent in this way are always pleasant, and bring us in closer touch with the girls, as they are in their homes.

Although as a fraternity we have not had any special "affairs," we have had an opportunity to enjoy many college "doings." The basket ball season here closed with a game between Allegheny and Hiram College, in which the home team was successful. The game was very exciting and when the final score stood 21 to 42 in our favor, the rooters sang and yelled until they were hoarse. The game with Bucknell, too, was good. We scarcely hoped to win, for Bucknell had beaten Yale twice and had won every other game of the season except one, and that one with Princeton. But Allegheny was at her best, and even Bucknell's five went down before her. On the same evening of the Bucknell game we had another visiting team, the Gospel Team. This team consisted of eight young men, theologs, from Boston, who were visiting different colleges for the purpose of encouraging religious life among students. They were all men of strong character and purpose, and men determined to be heard and understood. Their coming excited much comment among the students, and was an entirely new feature at Allegheny.

On February 18 a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established here. Allegheny being one of the fortunate few to obtain a charter. We all know that the establishment of this honorary fraternity in a college raises that college's rank, and is a sign of prosperity and growth. May Kappa Alpha Theta never hinder, but always seek to promote the welfare of the college in which she is.

We have had one pledge service this term, and are glad to introduce Ethel Canfield. M. A. T.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

No Letter.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE

It is not generally considered good form to speak of the weather, in fact, it is looked upon as only a last resort, and yet one cannot keep from expressing, at least an appreciation of the return of spring. All Swarthmore has felt the magic touch and responded to it with light and merry hearts. We have experienced an awakening together with nature and, realizing the inspiration, trust you have all likewise come under the spell.

In writing a letter one's thoughts usually have full sway and things are treated just as they enter the mind. The thinking process is not, however, uncontrolled, the most important facts are the ones which come first. You will readily understand then why it is that Alpha Beta wishes first to tell of the pleasant visit she has had from her District President, Miss Hoffman, and also Miss Reynaud, of Gamma Alumnæ. They came to Swarthmore March 15, and we were delighted to see them, for we had talked about this visit and looked forward to it for many weeks.

In the afternoon we had a social time. Many of the alumnæ were with us and we discussed fraternity matters and topics of general interest. Be assured, conversation

did not drag, and as for volume of tone, the swarming of bees was not a comparison.

One of our alumnae in the village, Hannah Clothier Hull, entertained us at supper and in the evening we had a regular fraternity meeting at her home. It was all very delightful and very interesting to compare methods. We gained a great many helpful ideas and hope to profit by them.

We feel that the visit was a very satisfactory one, and only hope that our guests were as well pleased.

On Washington's Birthday Caroline Clothier gave a luncheon at her home in Wynnewood, not far from the city. We had four new students with us and two alumnae, just a jolly crowd, fourteen. The whole affair was very attractive and pretty. Needless to say, pansies were very much in evidence. It was voted a success and Caroline a royal hostess.

Prof. Hoadley, at the head of the Science Department at Swarthmore, gave us a lecture recently on "Liquid Air." To many of us it had only been a name and the experiments were watched with the greatest interest and wonder.

The President of the College, William W. Birdsall, has sent in his resignation. The reason for his action is not known and was a great surprise to all. Naturally we are all eagerly awaiting developments and wondering who his successor will be.

With best wishes for the remainder of the year, Alpha Beta sends you all greeting.

ALPHA DELTA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE

We have all here in Alpha Delta passed safely through the straight and narrow path of examinations, fraternity and collegiate, and have entered upon the broad highway of dramatics, basket ball and "functions" of various kinds. In the Junior Dramatics, a very clever presentation of Barrie's "The Professor's Love Story," two of our girls took part, and in the Sophomore Dramatics, which have

not yet come off, some more of us are expected to distinguish ourselves.

One of the most important events here at college in the last few months has been the formation of two rival literary societies, instead of the one, which has heretofore monopolized our attention. There are to be contests between debaters from these two societies, at which scholarships will be awarded to those who are successful. In choosing between the two we have tried to keep the fraternity spirit out of it as far as possible.

A few days before the Easter holidays, we had our annual gymnasium exhibition, at which the prize, given for best work by a single student, was won by one of our girls, Margaret Hukill. Since then we have had the basket ball game for the championship of the college, between the Sophomores and Juniors, the latter winning the cup. Theta was represented on both teams.

One of our girls was so fortunate as to be sent as a delegate to the Student Volunteer Convention at Toronto. She enjoyed very much meeting some Thetas from Syracuse and Wooster.

Our officers are all elected for the next year and it reminds us rather unpleasantly that our "grand old Seniors" will soon be leaving us. We shall miss them terribly, of course; we have had so many jolly times together.

Alpha Delta sends greeting and best wishes for a most delightful summer to all her sister Thetas.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

Alpha Epsilon is at rest. Initiation is over, the annual dance is over—we have drawn a long breath, and have settled down to enjoy our own company. It is a noticeable thing at Pembroke Hall that Kappa Alpha Theta seems to enjoy her own company more than that of anyone else. Quite unconsciously, between recitations, in that blissful eight minutes between bells, we drift together in little groups in the corridor. Yet we are not snobs; we are only

thoroughly satisfied with each other. Now we are complacently listening to compliments on our annual dance, Easter Monday. But we must not exalt ourselves. We only say modestly that it was a complete success.

February 22 we had our initiation at Pembroke Hall, followed by a banquet. We do not approve of any of the mockery that the men force upon their initiates. The fraternity of Kappa Alpha Theta is too inspiring and dignified a thing to be lowered by attempts to frighten the Freshmen with talk of "the goat" and "ghosts," and other like allusions. Our initiation, therefore, is impressive, an awe-inspiring service, which makes every girl realize the solemnity of the vows to which she is subscribing.

This is the last issue of the Journal for this year. For every Theta, in every chapter, may the summer bring an increase of happiness, and an increase of strength. Best wishes for success next year!

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Our budget for the past two months is crammed with good things.

During the second week in March there was opened to the students another new building on the University campus. Earl Hall, the gift of William Earl Dodge, makes a handsome and much-needed home for the social and religious organizations of the University. The ground floor contains apartments for the secretary of the building, and a suite of parlors and dressing rooms for the use of women's organizations, such as the Alumnae Club, the Y. W. C. A. and the College Settlements Association. The remainder of the building is reserved for men students. There is a spacious entrance hall, an auditorium, a writing room, smoking rooms and various offices for committee meetings. The rooms are furnished throughout with the utmost regard for convenience as well as for elegance.

The acquirement of our gift of half a million dollars makes us feel grateful beyond words not only to Mr.

Rockefeller, but to all the friends who have so loyally contributed to Barnard's success in this issue. The larger part of the gift, we understand, is reserved as an endowment fund, the proceeds of which will fill professorships in courses which we have long desired. The unrestricted remainder we hope will be devoted to the materialization of our "Chateau en Espagne," a large dormitory and gymnasium on the vacant land which lies between the present building and Riverside Drive. Even though we ourselves derive no direct benefit from it, we should be unfeignedly glad to insure to our younger collegiate sisters the opportunities offered by such a building.

That reminds me, that though a personal meeting is out of the question, I still have the privilege of introducing to you, through the Journal, our four new Theta sisters: Helen Cooley, Amelia Leavitt Hill, Bertha Seward, the cousin of our convention delegate, Annie L. Seward, and Margie Hoffman, sister of Adelaide Hoffman, a charter member of Alpha Zeta, and President of Alpha District. Just before initiation we required our pledglings to learn the fraternity chapter roll, the names of Grand Council officers, and the main facts of Theta history. The scheme worked easily and successfully. On the evening of Wednesday, the 19 of March, we celebrated our initiation and our birthday at the home of Annie L. Seward. After the ceremony, a banquet was served. Alice Corey, as toast-mistress, assigned the following toasts:

Kappa Alpha Theta.....	Annie P. McKenney
Our University Privileges.....	May A. Johnson
The Graduates.....	Adelaide Hoffman
L'Envoi.....	Annie L. Seward

In addition to all our dear alumnae girls, we were fortunate in having with us Miss Scott, who responded heartily to the call for "Speech!" The happy evening ended with Theta songs, and a full chorus of "Auld Lang Syne."

Another event which has made us particularly happy

is the success of the entertainment which we gave to the college and a few outside friends on February 14. During the earlier part of the afternoon Miss Beatrice Herford, well-known in New York for her clever monologues, gave four of her wittiest selections. Refreshments and an informal reception followed. From every standpoint, we feel that that occasion has come most nearly to expressing our ideal of Theta hospitality.

So many good things have come, and still our cup of fortune is undrained. We have just pledged a Freshman of whom we are especially proud, Irene Van Buren. Our sister chapter in New York, Gamma Alumnæ, has just extended to us a most cordial invitation for its monthly meeting in April. And very soon, on April the nineteenth, comes the general celebration which attends the formal installation of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler as President of Columbia University.

Alpha Zeta sends to all Thetas hearty wishes for success.

MAY A. JOHNSON.

Beta District

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

We Alpha girls have been paying our debts by giving a spring party. We used up a whole bank full of schemes in trying to make our good Theta supporters have a jolly time. You see it was a thimble party. We gave each man a celluloid thimble, pink, blue or white, according to his taste. We also gave each a bit of embroidery to work. It was certainly great sport, at least for the girls, to watch the awkward maneuvers. Nearly all of the men wore their thimbles on their little fingers. One man even put his thimble in his mouth in his embarrassment. The prize was a fine bunch of black and gold ribbons.

We then had a Spring Closing. One room was decorated with with the old cast-off hats the girls had worn to college all winter. The men were supposed to guess

the owners. Although the "lids"—as the slang expression goes—were so familiar to us, many of the men were completely at a loss. The most observing one received a Theta banner as reward of merit.

We have two fine new girls. Grace Walker was initiated in January and Ethel McKinstry, our other new sister, we initiate tomorrow night.

We believe our chapter is more than holding its own this year. The girls are working hard. Although the professors are raising the standard of scholarship, the Thetas still rank among the first.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

No Letter.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

No Letter.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Epsilon has the best of news for this number of Kappa Alpha Theta. The tide is at flood—to mix our metaphors—the college is no longer a heap of ashes, but a budding tree, and where we look now upon a waste expanse of charred brick and broken stone shall soon rise a noble quadrangle—a poem in bricks and mortar, our Greater Wooster. All this prefatory to the announcement that the college is more soundly on its feet than ever before. Our capable and energetic President, Dr. Holden, has been tireless in his work and has won the hearts of the students in the last few weeks as never before. The college is rapidly being rebuilt. We are to have five new buildings immediately and more to follow later. It is the plan of the faculty that the Thetas shall be allowed a room on the second floor of Classics Hall, which we can make into a delightful lounging room for between-classes as well as the place for meetings and initiations.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The last month has been a very busy one for Eta and the coming weeks promise to be even more so. The first part of March we gave a reception to the other sororities, our independent friends and faculty ladies. The predominating decorations were red, our draperies and chandeliers being that color, and also our flowers.

The Sophomores have lately entertained the sorority and many of the old girls who are back, at a little luncheon. We have been particularly fortunate this month for Jane Pollock, Margaret Jones, Katherine Viet, Julia Benson, Zou Schurtz and Jessie and Nan Harris have been with us.

Perhaps the most unique entertainment of the year is soon to be given at the gymnasium. All the students are to join in giving a "take-off" on a county fair. Each sorority and fraternity have chosen different exhibits. A police department will insure visitors to the fair that perfect order will be maintained all the way from the country dance to the unique baby show. There will be a government, a horticultural and an agricultural building, art galleries, lunch counters and African dogger exhibitions, in fact everything one might see at such a place, and a few things not expected. For instance, a feature to be given in the basement by the medical fraternities, which is called "Darkness Without Dawn." Two vaudeville performances of an hour and a half each will be given each night. No entrance fee will be more than ten cents, the profits will go to the Women's Gymnasium and Men's Athletic Association.

When the Journal reaches its readers, it will be May, the girls will be finishing up their year's work preparatory to leaving soon for home. Eta wishes them a happy summer and hopes they may return in the fall, rested and ready for another year's work and fun.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The chief interest of Kappa during these last months

has been the establishment of the May Sexton Agnew Memorial. Ever since the news of her death came to us, we have been planning this and working towards its accomplishment and have now definitely decided on a Kappa Alpha Theta library fund to be established in her memory. A fund is to be raised before commencement, the interest of which is to be used each year in purchasing books for some department of the library, which department is not yet decided, though it will probably be the department of English Literature.

Kappa has one Phi Beta Kappa this year, Martha Pittinger, who completed her Senior work the first semester and is now teaching in the High school at Parsons, Kansas. We have missed her very much and are delighted at the prospect of seeing her this month, when she will be with us again for a short time. We are also looking forward to a visit from Estelle Riddle, who was with us as an active member the first part of the year, while she was taking graduate work in the University.

The regular weekly fraternity meetings of Kappa chapter are now held on Monday nights instead of on Saturday afternoon as formerly. With a little effort, we have found that this need not interfere with our work and the innovation meets with the approval of all the chapter.

ANNA HARRISON.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

Pi has three new kittens to introduce to the Theta world—Miss Caro Schwab, of Litchfield, Mich.; Miss Lucile Gardner, of Albion, Mich., and Miss Genevieve Pope, of West Bay City. Three kittens, did I say? I should have said two, for three weeks ago Caro donned a kite and can no longer be classed among the kittens. We are proud of our girls and feel sure that they will develop into strong Thetas eager to work for their fraternity.

The last week of last term we gave a chafing dish party at the lodge. It being so near Easter, eggs were served

cooked in every conceivable manner. The souvenirs were pen and ink sketches of little chicks just emerging from shells. We intend to entertain again in a few weeks. I would like to tell you of this party, but as yet our plans are not fully matured.

It scarcely seems possible that this is the last letter of the year, but it is only too true. Pi sends best wishes to all sister chapters for a pleasant vacation and a successful year. May Theta prosper well!

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Since Rho's last letter she has had her annual banquet. It is needless for us to tell you how much we enjoyed that function as well as the initiation, which came before, and the play presented afterwards. It was a late hour when we left "The House" with our hearts filled with more enthusiasm than ever and happiest of all that we are Thetas.

As to our new girls, we are proud of them, and hope some day you may know them for yourselves: Sara Hayden, who is head of the Art Department, Ida Robbins, Zelia Cornell, Luella Brach and Ada Welsy.

We also had with us that night several of our out-of-town alumnae: Nellie Randall, Selma Weggenhorn, Ellen Douglas and Jane Macfarland Douglas. The latter we had not seen since she was married and we can say that we are very proud of our latest bride.

Since then we have had several informal "jollies," one of them during the girl's Interstate Basket Ball Contest. As one of our Freshmen played on the 'Varsity team, which won, we were more than interested and celebrated in a most fitting way.

Last week the Freshmen entertained us at Sallie Agnew's with a farce entitled, "Ici On Parle Francais," followed by the repetition of "A Rank Deception." It would be useless to tell you what fun we had out of it and of the originality of the characters. However, much talent was brought forth and we were very proud of our Freshmen.

The Junior Prom. is over and most of the hops, but this week comes the Senior Prom, which we all look forward to and there are rumors of several large fraternity parties to be given in April.

The base ball season is on and now everything centers on that. It is hard to work or go to classes these glorious spring days when one can hear the cheering out in the field.

Nebraska University is fortunate. Charter Day, February 14, the Alumni presented us with the large pipe organ which was at the Trans-Mississippi, and every morning at convocation period we enjoy it.

Our convocation periods are very beneficial. Chancellor Andrews calls it "Nebraska's Platform of Current Events." Recently we had the privilege of hearing Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burdette during that hour, and I know we thoroughly appreciated them. And it is often that we are fortunate in having distinguished people with us.

This is the last Journal letter for this year and Rho sends best wishes to you all.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

No Letter.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

We have just returned from our Easter vacation and are, once more, settled down to the routine of college life. We have had our last vacation of the year and from now on till the end, hard work is in store for most of us. Theses are uppermost in the minds of the Seniors and each looks longingly forward to the day when she will have hers in the library.

We have had several pleasant social functions since our last letter. On the evening of February 14 we had a valentine party. Our alumnæ also entertained the girls at a milliners' party. Each girl was required to make a hat

out of tissue paper and it is said that the girl who carried off the prize has returned from home bringing "a new spring bonnet" very similar in design to her tissue-paper creation.

The Seniors considered themselves very fortunate indeed on the afternoon of April 2, for Mrs. Ray Stevens had asked them to serve at a musicale which she gave on that afternoon. The girls enjoyed meeting many of the town's people who were unknown to them, but most enjoyable was the musical program, for Mrs. Lathrop sang for us selections from the Irish ballads, and among them some from the old Gaelic.

Our numerous good lectures by outsiders have continued and the Madison Art Association has given us another of its splendid exhibits. This time it was the work of the Dutch masters and all who attended found both pictures and lectures very interesting and instructive. The Association has established a new system which tends to prove successful and by means of which they hope to foster the interest in real art and overcome the tendency for indiscriminate mural decorations which is so common among college students. By the payment of a small sum each semester any student is given for personal use, any picture she may select from those exhibited. The pictures may be exchanged each week or kept as long as desired. They are nicely framed and form an addition to any room, so that many have taken advantage of this opportunity to become more familiar with the well-known works of art.

In some ways it seems a little early to be thinking of the end of the college year and the summer vacation which is to follow, but as this is to be our last letter for this year the girls of Psi desire to express their wish that all Thetas may conclude a most successful college year and have in store a most delightful summer. To the Seniors, many of whom leave forever their college home and the dear relations of the chapter life, we would bid God-speed and

wish for each renewed zeal and power as she leaves behind her college days and goes out to assume the duties of mature life.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The students of Minnesota feel very humble at present and are going through an entirely new experience. The new university law providing for a Board of Control is to be applied to the University as well as other state institutions. Under a recent decision of the State Supreme Court we are now charity students. However, a number of legislators assure us that we will not be objects of charity long.

We have resolved to become better acquainted with our alumnæ who are not in St. Paul or Minneapolis. We divided the list of names into groups and every active Theta has from three to four to correspond with. No girl is allowed to have the names of any of the alumnæ that she is already acquainted with. In this way we hope to bring the older and younger girls into closer touch.

For some time we have been sorry that the parents of the different girls did not know each other. We are now preparing a party for them. Every girl in the chapter is going to take part in the entertainment. It is unfortunate that our fathers and mothers so seldom see the girls with whom we have spent most of our time while in college.

Upsilon sends greetings to all chapters, active and alumnæ.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

It seems but a brief time, indeed, since our last letter to the Journal and as we cast about for bits of Theta gossip to offer to our sisters, it seems that Alpha Gamma has done very little during the last two months but work. O. S. U. was unusually studious in the winter term and we hope the term reports will show good results of this, at least among the Thetas.

The story of our recent festivities is soon told, as we have had only the annual Junior Prom. and a few parties given by the men's fraternities, but our meetings in "Kat. Attic" continue very regularly and are to all Thetas the brightest spot on the week's calendar.

We have suffered a severe loss recently in the death of Professor Newton Brown, Dean of the College of Engineering, and of Lucius B. Wing, who had been a trustee of the University for more than twenty years. Both of these men were eager workers for the interests of the University and the places they held in the hearts of the students and faculty cannot be filled.

We are watching eagerly the progress of a bill which is now before the Senate providing for an increase in the annual levy for the support of the State University, which, if passed, will give us \$337,000 from the state annually in addition to the income derived from other sources.

We have been greatly interested in the articles upon the different universities in the Journal. Miss Cockins has had many difficulties in obtaining them, but, if they are read carefully, her efforts will surely be appreciated, for they are very instructive indeed.

Alpha Gamma wishes all Thetas a very delightful summer vacation.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

We have an April sister to introduce to you, Lenore Williams, '05, who, while without the tears, has certainly the many smiles of the winsome month.

One of our Juniors, Lyla Jeannette Vincent, has left the college home this spring to make a home for herself and someone else. She was married on March 15 to Mr. C. C. Young, of San Francisco. Mr. Young is at the head of the English Department in the Lowell High School.

Our chapter life has been uneventful. We might tell you of the new lawn that is being laid in front of the new

house, but you who are not Californians would scarcely appreciate our joy at a few blades of cultivated grass.

The University, and especially the Classical Department, is much interested in the presentation of the "Antigone," which is to be rendered in Greek this April.

Although the new chapel is nearly completed the dedication has been postponed until next autumn.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Perhaps you all know, through other pages than these, what new source of strength has been added to our University, or rather, will be added when the summer school opens this year. That Professor H. Morse Stephens consents to come to California is alone encouraging, for the extreme west is isolated. As one recently arrived from Boston says, "If we could only take a tuck in the continent!" Mr. Stephens is to be at the head of the University Extension Department. The system here is to be far broader than ever before. Work will be offered in many localities throughout the state, and further, will count for any student who so desires, toward a degree. The opportunity to work under Mr. Stephens means to the student not only inspiration from an illuminating historian, but also from a man of unusual warmth and sympathy.

There will be another addition to our faculty in Mr. Adolph Miller, who comes to take charge of the Department of Political Economy. Heretofore the courses in Political Science have been included with those in History. Lately a special department for this work has been established.

The time of year in itself would almost surely indicate that fraternity affairs have been running smoothly. We have just "laid plans" for an informal tea, to which a few of the faculty ladies are to be invited. And this probably will be our last function, for the examinations will begin so soon! And then the summer! We send you all good wishes for the vacation, and though it be so far in advance, for the next college year.

PERSONALS

Miss Luanna Robertson, Epsilon, '83, is spending this year studying in Berlin.

Mrs. Harriet Funk-Miller, Epsilon, '91, spent a few days visiting in Wooster recently.

Miss Charlot Wilhelm, Epsilon, '00, is having a very successful year at Emporia Kan., where she is teaching music.

Miss Irene Flattery, Epsilon, 00, has been quite ill with pneumonia, in Pittsburg, Pa., where she has been teaching. She is better now and has returned to her home in Wooster to regain her strength.

Miss May Corbett, Epsilon, '01, is teaching in Independence, Mo. She is very happy in her work.

Ola Smith, ex-'03, Pi, is among us again after a year's absence:

Lena M. Hunt, 01, Pi, is visiting home and college friends for a week.

Anna Haslup, Alpha Delta, '03, was one of the delegates of the Woman's College at the Student Volunteer Convention, at Toronto.

Mary E. Broomell, '92, Alpha Beta, of Baltimore, has announced her engagement to Mr. James D. Hull, Superintendent of Swarthmore schools.

The marriage of Alice Lippincott, Alpha Beta, and Mr. Lewis M. Booth, Delta Upsilon, took place at the home of the bride, Riverton, N. J., on April 24, 1902.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren Olney, Jr. (Mary McLean, Omega, '95), a little son was born.

Pearl Judson, Omega, '05, has left college temporarily, and has gone to Japan for three months.

Josephine Barnaby, Alpha Gamma, '96, who is teaching in East Cleveland High school, has been in Columbus for her spring vacation.

Alpha Gamma has enjoyed meeting Miss Grace Caldwell, of Cornell, who has recently been visiting her brother,

Professor of Electrical Engineering at the Ohio State University.

Grace Vance, Alpha Gamma, '98, who is teaching in Chicago, Ohio, has been in Columbus for her Easter vacation.

Mrs. Deyette, Lambda, '92, and Fannie Smith, '99, visited the active chapter recently.

Mabel Brownell, Lambda, '01, has returned home from Minneapolis, Minn., after spending several months at her uncle's home there.

Mabel May, Lambda, '98, and Mabel Nelson, '99, are home from Barre, Vt., High School for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Belcher (nee Winifred Hill), Rho, have gone to Pocatella, Idaho, to live.

Ellen Douglas, Rho, '01, is teaching in St. Joseph, Mo.

Vallie Stuart, Rho, '03, who has been in Mexico for the last year, is visiting at "The House."

Ada Welsy, Rho, is teaching in Blair, Neb.

Selma Wigginhorn, Rho, '01, is visiting Rho girls.

Miss Ada Heineman, of Phi, who graduated this Christmas, is at her home in Los Angeles. She will probably spend the coming year abroad.

Miss Edith M. Jordan, of Phi, daughter of Dr. David Starr Jordan, will come to Stanford next year to secure her doctor's degree. Her master's degree was taken at Cornell.

Next autumn the Thoburn school, a university preparatory school for girls, will be opened in Palo Alto. Miss Florence Heywood, of Phi, will be one of the principals. Miss Edith M. Jordan will have charge of the work in history.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS

On March 1, Wright, Kay & Co., of Detroit, one of our official jewelers, celebrated their thirtieth anniversary. With no change in location, the firm has enjoyed increasing success for three decades.

It is reported that Phi Delta Theta has the largest active membership of any of the fraternities, the number exceeding 1100 members.

Beta Theta Pi at Cornell is at present occupying a new \$25,000 house.

The March number of the Phi Kappa Psi Shield is devoted almost entirely to the report of the general secretary. It also contains a complete list of the active members of the fraternity, and pictures of thirty-five chapters.

Sigma Nu established a chapter at Cornell University in December.

Phi Kappa Psi has entered Brown University.

The following extract taken from an article on "Greek Letter Fraternity Men in Literature and Politics," which appeared recently in the New York Times, will not fail to interest the readers of Kappa Alpha Theta:

"In the literary arena Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Kappa Epsilon are the fraternities that seem to stand foremost. Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Gamma Delta each having ten names that may claim the undisputed right to a place in the list of American literators, while Delta Kappa Epsilon closely follows with eight. James Russell Lowell and Edward Everett Hale are prominent among the honor names of Alpha Delta Phi, nor is the name of George William Curtis any less so. Hamilton W. Mabie, the essayist and critic, is a member of Alpha Delta Phi and so also is Donald G. Mitchell, Horace H. Furness, Frances P. Parkman, Arlo Bates, William Hayes-

ward and Fletcher Harper, recently of the Harper Brothers' Publishing House.

"To within a year ago and for some time back, the national president of Phi Gamma Delta was General Lew Wallace, the famous author, soldier and statesman. The late John Clark Ridpath was an active worker in these ranks and his two very intimate friends, Orlando J. Smith, the president of the American Press Association, and Edward Eggleston, the author, are also members of Phi Gamma Delta. The late Maurice Thompson, now famous as the author of "Alice of Old Vincennes," was for years a next-door neighbor to his famous fraternity colleague, General Wallace. David D. Lloyd, the dramatist; Arthur Colton, Frank Norris and Earnest Neal Lyon, the young poet, are all, in the parlance of college slang, 'Fijis,' and Samuel S. McClure, the editor and Proprietor of McClure's Magazine, is also a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

"Perhaps Julian Hawthorne is the most prominent name in the Delta Kappa Epsilon list, though Robert Grant and Edward Bellamy are also forefront names. William L. Alden and J. Bock McMaster are both D. K. E. men, and three of the most prominent book-builders in the country, George H. Mifflin, of the house of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., A. C. McClurg and W. H. Putnam are D. K. E's.

"Charles Dudley Warner was a great "Psi U" enthusiast, and E. Clarence Stedman, the distinguished broker, poet, editor and essayist, has also ever been a proud wearer of his college Greek letters. A. S. Hardy, the author, and John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist, are names to be found on the "Psi U" roll and it is doubtful if this country ever had a dramatist of greater promise than the lamented James DeMille, who was a member of Psi Upsilon.

"The four Appleton brothers, of the Appleton Publishing house, are all members of Delta Psi, and of this fraternity is also Henry Loomis Nelson and Thomas

Nelson Page. Chi Psi is proud to claim Clyde Fitch, the prolific and eminently successful playwright, and Willis J. Abbot, the author of history books for boys and now editor of the *Pilgrim Magazine*. Waldo S. Pratt and Clinton Scollard are also members of Chi Psi.

"Out of the ranks of Delta Tau Delta have come three writers of more than national fame. They are Will Carleton, the poet; James Newton Matthews and George Horton. Irving Batchellor, the author of 'Eben Holden,' and 'D'ri and I,' is a member of Alpha Tau Omega, and Walter H. Page, the editor of the *World's Work Magazine*, is also. Booth Tarkington, who wrote 'Beaucaire' and 'The Gentleman from Indiana,' and George Ade, who has done the fables in modern slang, are members of Sigma Chi. To Phi Delta Theta belong J. S. Philips, of McClure & Phillips, publishers, and the late Eugene Field, poet.

"Steven Crane was a member of Delta Upsilon; John Brougham, the dramatist, is claimed by Theta Delta Chi; James Whitcomb Riley is loved by Phi Kappa Psi, Richard Harding Davis is a member of Sigma Nu, Captain Charles King is a Delta Phi, Joseph Harner, of Harper Brothers, is a Kappa Alpha (no.), and Sam W. Foss, the farm poet, is a Beta Theta Pi."

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Without following through the long roll of names in the political list this summary may be interesting:

In the present United States Senate Psi Upsilon has the largest representation, having four members. Delta Kappa Epsilon has 3, Phi Gamma Delta 2, Alpha Delta Phi 2, Delta Psi 2, Beta Theta Pi 2, Phi Kappa Sigma 1 and Phi Kappa Psi 1. In the President's Cabinet Secretary of State Hay is a Theta Delta Chi, Secretary of War Root is a Sigma Phi, and Secretary of the Navy Long is a D. K. E. The Chief Justice of the United States is a Chi Psi.

Beta Theta Pi has had more governors than any other society, having had 10. Psi Upsilon has had 8,

Alpha Delta Phi 7, Zeta Psi and D. K. E. each 6, Phi Gamma Delta 5, Sigma Phi and Chi Psi each 4, Delta Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Upsilon each 3; Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Theta Delta Chi each 2, while Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha(no.), Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Kappa Sigma have each had one.

Alpha Delta Phi has had 7 ambassadors or foreign ministers, D. K. E., Psi Upsilon and Phi Gamma Delta have each had 4, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Psi and Sigma Phi have each had 3, Theta Delta Chi has had 2, and Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon and Kappa Alpha(no) have each had one.

President Garfield was a Delta Upsilon. President Arthur was a Psi Upsilon, President Harrison was a Phi Delta Theta, President Cleveland was an honorary Sigma Chi, President McKinley was an honorary Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and President Roosevelt is a Delta Kappa Epsilon.

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The Olympian Games, which are to be held in Chicago in 1904, are beginning to attract the attention of the college world. The President of the International Olympian Games Association, Mr. H. F. Furber, Jr., has sent the following communication to the Greek Letter Fraternities:

Dear Sir:—In consideration of the great and growing importance of the Greek Letter Fraternities in the University life of the United States, the Executive Committee of the International Olympian Games of 1904 deems it proper to express the pleasure it would experience should these fraternities endorse the games or in any way contribute to making them a success. The particular form that such assistance shall assume must naturally be left to the ingenuity and pleasure of the fraternities themselves.

We believe that, in an international enterprise in which it is intended to render the university students conspicuous factors, the co-operation of the fraternities would be in-

valuable. Will you therefore, acting as a duly empowered committee of our association, take such steps as you may deem desirable to bring the subject to the attention of the principal fraternities, to the end that they may inform themselves as to the nature of the enterprise and take such action as may, in the premises, be proper.

Very truly yours,

H. F. FURBER, JR.,

President the International Olympian Games Association.

In pursuance of this communication a meeting of fraternity men was called in Chicago, in January. The object of this meeting was explained as follows:

The United States has been chosen as the site of the International Olympian Games of 1904, which are to be held in Chicago, in the month of October of that year. These contests will be the third in the series of revived Olympian games, the first having been held in Athens in 1896, and the second in Paris in 1900. The games will be continued during the period of a month or six weeks, and it is proposed to develop the enterprise along four principal lines:

First—There will be a series of world's champion contests in standard sports, including among others, field and track athletics, feats of strength, cycling, turning, tennis, wrestling, equestrianism, rowing, yachting, etc., etc.

Second—An exhibition of the games peculiar to the different countries of the world including German schlaegar contest, French boxing, Japanese wrestling, Spanish pelota, base ball, cricket, and other national sports.

Third—Spectacular reproductions of the games of ancient Greece and Rome, which will be presented at night, with the proper costumes and scenic effects.

Fourth—A comprehensive exhibition of sporting apparatus and equipments.

In short, it is the purpose to present an exhaustive ex-

hibition of sport and sporting equipments, in which all the nations of the world will participate. In these contests the universities and colleges, both of this country and others, will be made prominent, it being the desire to accentuate athletics as much as possible. In consideration of this fact and the Greek origin of the games, and inasmuch as the association has expressed its willingness to accord recognition to the Greek Letter College Fraternities, it would seem proper for us to urge upon our respective societies the desirability of extending co-operation to an enterprise so unique and praiseworthy, and one in which the reputation of our country as a whole is to the highest extent involved.

In this connection it should be said that the games will not be conducted as a money-making venture, it being expressly stipulated that the stockholders shall not profit to a greater extent than ten per cent. per annum on their stock investment, this being no unreasonable return for an investment of this nature. Any surplus remaining after reimbursement of the stockholders is to be devoted to public purposes.

The established reputation of Chicago in enterprises of a public nature, and the standing of the persons connected with the project, including many of the most prominent citizens of Chicago and of the United States, is a guaranty of its character and of its success.

The officers of the Association are: H. J. Furber, Jr., President; Harry G. Selfridge, Vice-President; Edwin A. Potter, Treasurer; James Deering, Secretary, and President William R. Harper, John Barton Payne, Charles R. Crane, Stanley McCormick, La Verne W. Noyes, A. A. Stagg and others, Directors.

The games will be held in a stadium of vast proportions erected on the lake shore at the foot of Van Buren Street.